

# CAPE MENTELLE

MARGARET RIVER

## BEN CANE

WINEMAKER

Ben Cane joined Cape Mentelle in December 2018, combining hands-on winemaking responsibilities with travel to share the winery's ethos of exploration and exceptional wines with the world.

After completing a Bachelor of Science at the University of Adelaide, Ben obtained a post-graduate diploma in Oenology and has worked in prestigious wineries in Australia, California, France and Italy for 22 years.

Ben moved to the United States in 2006 and worked in Sonoma, California for 12 years, first at Freestone Winery and later at Twomey Cellars where he developed the Pinot Noir and Sauvignon Blanc program from estate vineyards and independent growers and oversaw the production of premium Cabernet and Bordeaux variety blends.

As head winemaker at boutique winery Westwood Estate from 2014 to 2018, Ben focused on making wine from multiple small parcels of fruit and embarking on a three-year biodynamic conversion of the vineyards.

After working in California's cool climate regions, Ben was keen to continue his passion for wines of elegance, brightness and freshness. Margaret River has always been a stand out for Ben as amongst Australia's most significant wine regions and being beside the ocean was an added drawcard.

