

TYRRELL'S



SACRED SITES 4 ACRES SHIRAZ 2019

Vineyard

Planted in 1879, 4 Acres is the oldest block of Shiraz on the Ashmans property, sitting just to the right of the driveway that leads up to the winery. This 2019 release of 4 Acres celebrates the 140th anniversary of this historic vineyard, which produces one of Australia's most unique wines. This vineyard produces fruit that has its own unique style and structure, and the wine is only ever produced in outstanding vintages.

Vintage Conditions

The 2019 vintage was the third great vintage in a row for the Hunter Valley, the product of another hot, dry summer. The drought continued through the growing season, but on New Year's Eve and 7 January, we had good storms that provided the vines with enough moisture to retain their leaves and fill out and ripen the fruit. While the berries were a little smaller than normal, the overall crop was at the level we expected.

Winemaker's Notes

The fruit was handpicked on 12 February and sorted in the vineyard before a natural fermentation took place in our open-top vats with 15% whole bunches. After fermentation, the wine was matured for 14 months in a single two-year-old 2400L Stockinger oak cask.

Tasting Notes

Bright colour, with an aromatic profile of red fruits and a lifted spice that gives the aroma another dimension. A classic Hunter River Burgundy style, the palate showing great depth and structure. The fine tannins are balanced by a length of fruit that is the hallmark of great old vineyards. A classic 4 Acres release, medium bodied in weight with a length, complexity and freshness not found in many other sites.

Date Picked 12 February 2019 | Date Bottled 4 May 2020

Alc 13.0% | pH 3.44 | TA 5.48 g/L

THE STORY OF SACRED SITES

The Hunter Valley is home to some of the oldest vineyards in the world. Our Sacred Sites wines are made only from vines that are more than 100 years old and on their own roots. The origins of most of these vines lie in the Busby Collection - cuttings brought to Australia from Europe by James Busby and planted in the Hunter Valley in 1832.