

TYRRELL'S



SACRED SITES 8 ACRES SHIRAZ 2019

Vineyard

This is the second release from this ancient block. The 8 Acres vineyard was planted in 1892 and sits just below the 4 Acres vineyard beside the driveway up to the winery. The vine orientation is north-south, perpendicular to the 4 Acres vines, and the vineyard produces a different style of wine altogether.

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 13 February and sorted in the vineyard before fermentation took place in our open-top vats with 15% whole bunches. After fermentation, the wine was matured for 14 months in a one-year-old 2700L French oak cask.

Tasting Notes

Bright purple with more density of colour than the 4 Acres. It is similar to the 2018 - a rounder, medium-bodied, darker-fruited style. Juicy and moreish, with a loose-knit structure that gives the wine an element of approachability but also an underlying length and structure that reflect its pedigree.

Date Picked 13 February 2019 | **Date Bottled** 4 May 2020

Alc 13.5% | **pH** 3.45 | **TA** 5.58 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.