

# TYRRELL'S



## SACRED SITES JOHNNO'S SHIRAZ 2019

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### Vineyard

The Shiraz on Johnno's was planted in 1908 on sandy alluvial soils, in contrast to the 4 Acres and Weinkeller vineyards, which are on deep-red clay over limestone. Not only is the soil different to that on our other super-premium blocks, but the wine is unlike any of the other reds in the stable.

### 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 11 February and sorted in the vineyard before a natural fermentation took place in our open-top vats with 10% whole bunches. After fermentation, the wine was matured for 14 months in a single new 2700L French oak cask.

### Tasting Notes

An incredibly bright, attractive purple colour with an inviting nose of red fruits and violets, and just a hint of oak. As always, Johnno's has a unique character and level of complexity, provided by the vineyard's sandy soils. Intense blackberry-like fruit is supported by the new oak and grainy tannins. The wine's wonderful freshness is a testament to how well these sandy sites perform in drought seasons.

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**Date Picked** 11 February 2019 | **Date Bottled** 4 May 2020

**Alc** 13.0% | **pH** 3.43 | **TA** 5.79 g/L

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## 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.