

TYRRELL'S



SACRED SITES OLD PATCH SHIRAZ 2019

Vineyard

Sourced from the 'Old Patch' on the Old Hillside vineyard on Marrowbone Road, which the Tyrrell family purchase in December 2017. The Old Patch, which sits in the middle of the block, was planted in 1867, making it the oldest vineyard in NSW and one of the oldest in the world. A steep, east-facing block located right underneath the Brokenback mountain range, which provides great protection, it features darker, richer soils than those on our Ashmans property.

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 15 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 one-year-old 2700L French oak cask.

Tasting Notes

Bright purple in colour with a red-fruited aroma; some savoury notes add complexity. A classic Hunter Valley wine style, medium bodied and without the concentration of 2017 or 2018 yet still showing good length and structure. An elegant style with deceptive length that builds in the glass.

Date Picked 15 February 2019 | **Date Bottled** 4 May 2020

Alc 13.0% | **pH** 3.44 | **TA** 5.91 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.