

TYRRELL'S



SINGLE VINEYARD NVC SHIRAZ 2018

Vineyard

The vines for the NVC Shiraz were planted in 1921 and their fruit had traditionally gone into Vat 5, a stalwart in our red offerings for many years. After the long drought of the late 1990s and early 2000s, we decided that the vineyard needed more attention. We stopped making Vat 5 and spent the next 10 years working on the soil and vines to get them back to where they needed to be. We are delighted to be releasing wine from this great old vineyard again.

Vintage Conditions

Vintage 2018 was a spectacular Shiraz vintage in the Hunter Valley. Dry, warm conditions that were similar to 2003 meant cropping levels were smaller than average and produced wines of great concentration and length of flavour. 2018 was one of the earliest Shiraz harvests we have seen, starting on January 29.

Winemaker's Notes

On 5 February, the fruit was handpicked and sorted in the vineyard before fermentation took place in our open-top vats. After fermentation, the wine was matured in a single new French-oak cask (2500L) for 15 months.

Tasting Notes

The NVC vineyard always shows rich, darker characters and a beautiful balance between dark fruit flavours and clean, savoury spice. The soft tannins, French oak and bright acidity add to the wine's complexity, resulting in a long, seamless palate.

Date Picked 5 February 2018 | **Date Bottled** 9 May 2019

Alc 13.4% | **pH** 3.41 | **TA** 6.26 g/L

THE STORY OF SINGLE VINEYARD

Our Single Vineyards celebrate the best single blocks that produce wines of distinct character unique to that site and the Hunter. The redefinition of the vineyard source of our top wines has been the major change at Tyrrell's over the past 25 years.