

TYRRELL'S



ESTATE GROWN CHARDONNAY 2021

Vineyard

The Tyrrell's Estate vineyards are nestled in the foothills of the Brokenback Range. Each unique parcel produces fine wines that embody the characteristics and true style of the Hunter Valley. 2021 was an outstanding Chardonnay vintage and this wine is made entirely from our famous HVD vineyard. These dry grown blocks were planted in 1984 and 2003 and together they produce a modern style that has both richness and finesse.

Vintage Conditions

The autumn and winter months of 2020 saw the worst drought in a generation be broken with substantial rainfall, we led into an outstanding growing season for the 2021 vintage. A cool summer then gave us even, stress-free ripening with some heat around Australia Day that was perfectly timed at the final stages of ripening. With an early budburst and later than normal harvesting, the fruit had a longer than normal hang time, which meant that all of the fruit had wonderful flavours balanced by a high natural acidity.

Winemaker's Notes

All of the fruit was handpicked before immediately being basket pressed; the juice was then cold settled for two days before being racked to another stainless steel tank to begin fermentation. The fermenting juice was then transferred to tight grain French oak barriques and puncheons (with only a small percentage being new) to complete fermentation and maturation before bottling.

Tasting Notes

A modern style of Hunter Valley Chardonnay, combining power and finesse. Vibrant colour with a green hue, the nose shows an abundance white peach and some struck match 'solids' character and a hint of oak. The palate shows intense stone fruit characters whilst showing the brightness and energy, which is a result of the cool vintage. These fruit characters are balanced by citrus acidity, subtle oak and lees complexity giving the wine its length and complexity.

Date Picked 30 January 2021 | **Date Bottled** 1 December 2021

Alc 13.0% | **pH** 3.47 | **TA** 6.59 g/L

THE STORY OF ESTATE GROWN

Estate Grown is a blend of our best estate vineyards that are not assigned to our flagship Winemaker's Selection wines.

The Tyrrell's estate, nestled in the foothills of the Brokenback Range, is a unique patchwork of vineyards. Thriving in a diverse range of soils, from sandy loams lying on ancient creek beds to heavier red clays over limestone, these vineyards produce some of the most distinctive and refined wines in the world.

Since 1858, Tyrrell's viticultural philosophy has always been focused on sustainability and preserving our valuable vineyard assets for future generations. With this outlook and a firm focus on what lies ahead, our winemakers will continue to evolve the style of these wines through careful vineyard selections that are tailored to each new vintage that Mother Nature hands them.