

TYRRELL'S



WINEMAKER'S SELECTION VAT 63 CHARDONNAY SEMILLON 2019

Vineyard

Sourced entirely from the Pokolbin Hills vineyard, this year's blend is made up of 65% Chardonnay (planted in 1980) and 35% Semillon (planted in 1970). The Pokolbin Hills vineyard is located at the base of Pokolbin Mountain. Featuring ideal sandy loam soils, it is one of our top vineyard sites.

Vintage Conditions

The 2019 vintage in the Hunter Valley was another high quality year across all varieties and is a stellar follow up to 2018. Continued dry conditions meant cropping levels were slightly lower than normal however all of the fruit was in perfect condition with intense concentration.

Winemaker's Notes

The Chardonnay and Semillon grapes were harvested on 24 January. Both of the varieties were vinified separately before being blended in June and then bottled in July. The Chardonnay component spent its time in mostly older French oak barriques and the Semillon was made in a traditional unwooded style in stainless steel.

Tasting Notes

This is a wonderfully balanced white wine, showing rich Chardonnay fruit characters such as white peach and a hint of oak. This richness is curbed by the citrus core of Semillon that gives the wine its length acid structure. The lees work from the Chardonnay also gives the wine an added layer of complexity.

Date Picked 24 January 2019 | Date Bottled 10 July 2021

Alc 11.5% | pH 3.20 | TA 6.40 g/L

THE STORY OF WINEMAKER'S SELECTION

Murray Tyrrell created the Winemaker's Selection range back in 1965, when, with the assistance of Len Evans, he set out to determine the best wines from each vintage. He named these wines after the casks in which they were matured; for instance, the first Chardonnay we made went into cask number 47, so it became Vat 47 Chardonnay, or Pinot Chardonnay as it was then called. In 1974, having discovered that we had up to six casks from the same vineyard block that all tasted much the same, we brought the selection down to about 12 wines in total - a mixture of whites and reds. The early 2000s saw a further consolidation with the inauguration of the Sacred Sites range and the expansion of our Single Vineyard program. Today, the Winemaker's Selections are estate-grown on the various blocks that form the wines that we believe best represent our land and house style. These wines are only bottled in years when we believe that the quality is high enough to meet our exacting standards.