

# TYRRELL'S



## SINGLE VINEYARD BELFORD SEMILLON 2016

### Vineyard

The Belford vineyard was planted in 1933. The soil is light and sandy - the consistency of talcum powder - for the top 50 centimetres. It is the northern-most of the Tyrrell's Hunter Valley vineyards.

### Vintage Conditions

The 2016 growing season was one that started with great promise with our wettest winter in nearly a decade. Perfect conditions for budburst and flowering were followed by an unsettled summer consisting of hot days and wild storms. Luckily, these weather patterns calmed down into one of the driest February's on record.

### Winemaker's Notes

Handpicked in the early hours of the morning, the fruit was lightly crushed and pressed, before a relatively cool fermentation. Then the wine spent minimal time on yeast lees before being bottled early to maintain its freshness. No oak fermentation or maturation.

### Tasting Notes

An incredibly vibrant nose that leaps out of the glass, which is followed by a palate that is fuller, richer, almost honeyed. These characters are balanced by a soft, clean acid profile that gives the wine its great length.

**Date Picked** 6 and 8 February 2016 | **Date Bottled** 9 June 2016

**Alc** 11.5% | **pH** 3.02 | **TA** 6.81 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 Valley. The redefinition of the vineyard source of our top wines has been the major change at Tyrrell's over the past 35 years. For most of our history, Tyrrell's has produced its wines by blending together parcels from different vineyards. However, in 1983, we created the HVD Semillon, our first formally recognised single-vineyard wine. Throughout the 1980s, we continued to investigate how the location and soil of each individual vineyard influences the unique flavours of the wines they produce. Then, in 1992, Bruce Tyrrell struck a deal to buy grapes from the Stevens family, sealing it with a handshake. This key move was a shift in direction to focus on the intrinsic quality and uniqueness of the great single vineyards of the Hunter Valley and beyond. Since then, we've set out to lease, purchase or enter into grape-buying arrangements with the very best vineyard sites in the Hunter Valley. Today, our Single Vineyard range celebrates those truly great vineyard blocks, which produce wines with a distinct character that's unique to that site and to the Hunter.