

TYRRELL'S



SINGLE VINEYARD BELFORD SEMILLON 2017

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 2017 vintage was one of the best in recent memory and has produced Semillons of the highest quality. Solid rains in winter and spring meant that vines had constant access to water and the warmer weather in the new year meant all of the fruit was in near perfect condition and ripeness when it was harvested.

Winemaker's Notes

The grapes were handpicked and sorted in the vineyard. Once arriving at the winery the fruit was very lightly crushed and pressed with a small percentage of stalks. After a relatively cool fermentation, the wine spent a minimal time on yeast lees before being bottled early to maintain its freshness. No oak fermentation or maturation.

Tasting Notes

Intensely lifted citrus notes, this wine has the robust, richer, almost chalky palate that is commonly associated with the Belford vineyard that is balanced by a soft, clean acid profile, giving the wine its great length.

Date Picked 26 January 2017 | **Date Bottled** 29 June 2017

Alc 11.0% | **pH** 3.03 | **TA** 6.46 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.