

TYRRELL'S



WINEMAKER'S SELECTION VAT 8 SHIRAZ CABERNET 2019

Vineyard

Vat 8 Shiraz Cabernet is sourced from Shiraz grown on the Tyrrell Estate 'Ashmans' and Cabernet Sauvignon grown on the Pokolbin Hills Estate. The blend for the 2019 vintage is 90% Shiraz and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon.

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.

Winemaker's Notes

After fermentation in stainless steel vats, both parcels were matured separately before blending in November 2019. The blended wine then finished its maturation in French oak barriques before being bottled in April 2020.

Tasting Notes

A modern style of Australian red that also respects the tradition of using varietal blending to create a more rounded wine. It shows intense plum fruit sweetness from the Shiraz, while the Cabernet component adds to the length and fullness, with characters of dark berry and chocolate.

Date Picked 11 February - 1 March 2019 | **Date Bottled** 24 April 2020

Alc 13.5% | **pH** 3.45 | **TA** 6.19 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.