

# TYRRELL'S



## SINGLE VINEYARD STEVENS SHIRAZ 2019

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### Vineyard

The Single Vineyard Stevens Shiraz is sourced from the Stevens Glen Oak Vineyard, which is located on Marrowbone Road, Pokolbin. The vineyard features red clay soils and is dry grown, with an average vine age of 60 years.

### Vintage Conditions

The 2019 vintage in the Hunter Valley was another high quality year across all varieties and was 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 grapes were harvested by machine during the early hours of 13 February, when the fruit was at its coolest, before fermentation took place in stainless-steel tanks. After fermentation, the wine was matured for 14 months in older 2,500-litre French oak casks and 500-litre puncheons.

### Tasting Notes

This stellar wine is medium-bodied with bright, dark-fruit intensity that is the hallmark of the wine. It has soft, savoury tannins and fresh acidity, resulting in its compelling length. The oak component adding only structure, not flavour.

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**Date Picked** 13 February 2019 | **Date Bottled** 4 May 2020

**Alc** 14.0% | **pH** 3.43 | **TA** 6.08 g/L

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## 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.