

TYRRELL'S



SINGLE VINEYARD OLD HILLSIDE SHIRAZ 2019

Vineyard

The Old Hillside vineyard on Marrowbone Road, Pokolbin was purchased by the Tyrrell family in December 2017. This vineyard contains the 'Old Patch'. The Old Hillside Shiraz comes from the younger vines on the vineyard, which have an average age of 50 years. It is a steep, east-facing block that sits right underneath the Brokenback mountain range, which provides great protection. The block features darker, richer soils than those at our Ashmans property.

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

The fruit was handpicked and sorted in the vineyard before fermentation took place in our open-top vats. After fermentation, the wine was matured for 14 months in mostly newer 2500L French oak casks.

Tasting Notes

A well-balanced, elegant style that shows good balance between vibrant fruit and savoury spice, along with classic Hunter Valley wet earth. The oak is only a minor component and the tannins provide structure and depth on the back palate.

Date Picked 14 & 18 February 2019 | **Date Bottled** 23 April 2020

Alc 13.0% | **pH** 3.48 | **TA** 6.32 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.