

TYRRELL'S



SINGLE VINEYARD BELFORD CHARDONNAY 2022

Vineyard

The Tyrrell family leases the Belford Vineyard. It is our northern-most Chardonnay site and was planted in 1991. Being the vineyard that is furthest away from the Brokenback range, it has the most broken-down soil, with a consistency similar to that of talcum powder.

Vintage Conditions

The 2022 vintage, in many ways, was a mirror of 2021. With above average rainfall in the winter months, the vines were set up perfectly for the growing season. Cooler temperatures over the summer period meant that there was no rush to begin harvest and we began about seven to ten days later than normal. All the fruit was in remarkable condition with intense fruit flavours coupled with high natural acidity.

Winemaker's Notes

The fruit was handpicked on 14 February and immediately basket pressed. The juice was then cold settled for two days before fermentation began in stainless-steel tanks. The fermenting juice was transferred to French oak barriques for eight months' maturation.

Tasting Notes

Pale, bright green colour, the nose is intense with white peach, some citrus, dry straw and powerful oak in the background. The palate is not unlike the Belford Semillon in that there is a dense and robust nature to the fruit weight, with plenty of peaches and cream, and bright acidity. These rich flavours are balanced nicely by the textural elements from the solids ferment, and extended time on yeast lees.

Date Picked 14 February 2022

Date Bottled 3 November 2022

Alc 13.5% | **pH** 3.25 | **TA** 6.84 g/L

ACCOLADES

- 93 Points - Gary Walsh

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 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 wines celebrate those truly great vineyard blocks, which produce wines with a distinct character that's unique to that site and to the Hunter.

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Chardonnay 1.50 hectares | Semillon 3.80 hectares | Total: 5.30 hectares

