



WINEMAKER'S SELECTION VAT 9 SHIRAZ 2022

Alc 13.5% | pH 3.48 | TA 6.91 g/L

Vineyard

Sourced from the best parcels on the Tyrrell Estate 'Ashmans'. These vines have a minimum age of 50 years, and are grown in red clay soils over limestone. Weinkeller and the Short Flat make up the majority of the Vat 9 blend. The five-hectare Short Flat Vineyard is located directly north of the driveway of the Tyrrell's Estate. The vineyard is a mosaic of vine ages with two distinctly named Shiraz blocks: the Mathews and Contours vineyards. Grapes from these vineyards, which were both planted in 1968 and are both situated at an elevation of about 115m, form an integral part of the blend in our flagship Vat 9 Shiraz. Usually one of the first Shiraz blocks to be picked, the 0.5-hectare Mathews vineyard is located on the south-eastern corner of the Short Flat vineyard on deep-red podzolic clay. The 0.9-hectare Contours, one of the best blocks on the Ashman estate and Chris Tyrrell's favourite vineyard, is on the rise just above the Semillon as the soil begins to change to a darker, heavy sandy loam. The Short Flat Vineyard also has Semillon, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir varieties planted on the site.

Winemaker's Notes

Handpicked and sorted in the vineyard in the fourth week of February, the blocks were all fermented separately in open top vats. The individual wines were then matured in mostly newer French oak casks (2700L) until the Vat 9 blend was assembled in November 2022. The blend was then matured for a further five months before bottling.

Tasting Notes

Medium colour density with a glossy purple hue. The nose is complex showing darker summer fruits, with some liquorice and spice from the oak. The palate is intense in its fruit profile whilst remaining medium-bodied. The length and texture is the signature of this Vat 9, it shows impeccable balance and approachability yet is built for a long life in the cellar.

THE STORY OF WINEMAKER'S SELECTION

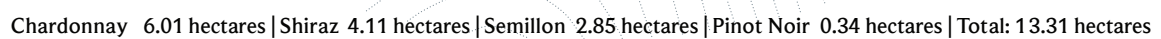
Murray Tyrrell created the Winemaker's Selection range back in 1965 when, with the assistance of Len Evans, he set out to determine the best wines from each vintage. He named these wines after the casks in which they were matured. In 1974, having discovered that we had up to six casks from the same vineyard 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.

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