



WINEMAKER'S SELECTION VAT 47 CHARDONNAY 2023

Date Picked 27 January to 3 February 2023

Date Bottled 24 October 2023

Alc 13.5% | **pH** 3.14 | **TA** 6.92 g/L

96 Points James Suckling

96 Points Erin Larkin, *The Wine Advocate*

Vineyard

Vat 47 Chardonnay comes entirely from our Short Flat Vineyard where the original Chardonnay vines were planted by Murray Tyrrell in 1968. The soil profile in this dry-grown vineyard is unlike that of any of our other vineyards, which gives Vat 47 its unique character.

Vintage Conditions

In the lead up to the 2023 vintage, there was an abundance of rain in spring which gave great soil moisture heading into the dry months of December and January. The harvest period was relatively stress-free without any adverse conditions such as rain or heat. This vintage has produced well balanced, complex wines with fruit purity and is considered to be an exceptional Hunter Valley vintage.

Winemaker's Notes

All of the fruit was handpicked between 27 January and 3 February, which is approximately one week earlier than 2022. The fruit was immediately basket-pressed, then the juice was cold settled for two days before being racked to stainless steel tanks to begin fermentation. The fermenting juice was then transferred to French oak barriques to complete fermentation and maturation before bottling in October 2023.

Tasting Notes

A strong Vat 47, with the nose showing intense citrus and white stone fruit characters and a hint of oak in the background. The palate is powerful, yet elegant, and the Short Flat Vineyard character shines through. Grapefruit and lemon citrus along with some spice and creaminess. This is then balanced by textural elements derived from the solids ferment and extended time on yeast lees. A Vat 47 of great depth and power, yet still maintaining a lively and fresh finish.

THE STORY OF WINEMAKER'S SELECTION

Third generation Murray Tyrrell created the Winemaker's Selection collection of wines in 1962 inspired by the old-vine vineyard assets within the Tyrrell Family Estate, Ashmans. With the assistance of Len Evans, he set out to identify and determine the best wines from each vintage that represent the estate and define the Tyrrell's house style. The collection of flagship wines were labelled after the cask number in which they were matured. After decades of refining the wines and defining our house style, the wines are predominantly sourced from our iconic Short Flat Vineyard, first planted in 1923 with pre-phylloxera vine material, planted on their own roots. Today, the Winemaker's Selection wines are our flagship collection of wines that are widely considered to be Australian icons. They represent the epitome of winemaking at Tyrrell's and offer textbook examples of wines that define who we are and where we are from. The wines are world-renowned for their age-ability and are some of the most collected wines on the planet. Wines include Vat 1 Semillon, Vat 63 Chardonnay Semillon, Vat 47 Chardonnay, Vat 6 Pinot Noir, Vat 9 Shiraz, Vat 8 Shiraz Cabernet.

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Chardonnay 6.01 hectares | Shiraz 4.11 hectares | Semillon 2.85 hectares | Pinot Noir 0.34 hectares | Total: 13.31 hectares

1
Chardonnay
6.01 hectares

2
Shiraz
4.11 hectares

Chardonnay

Shiraz

Building/structure

Dam

3
Semillon
2.85 hectares

4
Pinot Noir
0.34 hectares

Semillon

Pinot Noir

Elevation contour