

# TYRRELL'S



## SINGLE VINEYARD STEVENS SEMILLON 2018

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### Vineyard

Stevens Semillon comes from the now Tyrrell's owned Stevens Vineyard on Marrowbone Road, Pokolbin, our southern-most Semillon vineyard. This vineyard features a combination of light, sandy loams and darker, heavier transitional soils. The oldest plantings on this vineyard are from 1911.

### Vintage Conditions

Vintage 2018 was a strong Semillon vintage in the Hunter Valley. Dry, warm conditions that were similar to 2003 meant cropping levels were smaller than average and produced wines of great concentration and length of flavour.

### Winemaker's Notes

Stevens Semillon is almost always the first Semillon vineyard that we pick, and this year was no different, taking place on 17 and 18 January with a machine harvester in the early hours of the morning. The grapes were then pressed lightly, and the free run juice was used for fermentation at cool temperatures in stainless steel tanks. The wine stayed in these tanks until bottling in June.

### Tasting Notes

This year, Stevens Semillon shows a vibrant citrus lift, along with its typical mineral edge. The palate is tightly bound and has a racy citrus fruit profile that is tight, elegant, and impeccably long with an almost sherbet-like character. One of the better Stevens Semillon releases in recent memory. Drinking very well at six years of age but will evolve gracefully over the next five to ten years.

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**Date Picked** 17 and 18 January 2018 | **Date Bottled** 27 June 2018

**Alc** 10.5% | **pH** 2.99 | **TA** 6.61 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 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.