

TYRRELL'S



WINEMAKER'S SELECTION VAT 9 SHIRAZ 2019

Vineyard

Vat 9 Shiraz is sourced from the oldest and best blocks on the Tyrrell Estate 'Ashmans', where the oldest vines date back to 1892. The majority of the blend is made from fruit from the Weinkeller and Short Flat vineyards. All of these blocks feature soils that are ideal for growing super-premium Shiraz.

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

Handpicked and sorted in the vineyard during the second week of February, the fruit from the different blocks was fermented separately in open-top vats. The individual wines were then matured in new and one-year-old 2700L French oak casks before the blend was assembled in November 2019. The blend was then matured for a further five months before bottling.

Tasting Notes

Vibrant purple with an enticing nose showing lifted spice, dark berry aromas and a subtle hint of oak. The palate is medium bodied and shows incredible intensity and a seamless structure, with a wonderful balance of fruit, acid, oak and tannin.

Date Picked 11-15 February 2019 | **Date Bottled** 30 April 2020

Alc 13.0% | **pH** 3.44 | **TA** 5.82 g/L

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; for instance, the first Chardonnay we made went into cask number 47, so it became Vat 47 Chardonnay, or Pinot Chardonnay as it was then called. 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.