

TYRRELL'S



SINGLE VINEYARD OLD HILLSIDE SHIRAZ 2018

Vineyard

The Old Hillside vineyard on Marrowbone Road, Pokolbin was purchased by the Tyrrell family in December 2017. This vineyard contains the 'Old Patch'. The Old Hillside Shiraz comes from the younger vines on the vineyard, which have an average age of 50 years. It is a steep, east-facing block that sits right underneath the Brokenback mountain range, which provides great protection. The block features darker, richer soils than those at our Ashmans property.

Vintage Conditions

2018 was a stellar vintage for Shiraz in the Hunter Valley. Warm, dry conditions produced wines with incredible concentration whilst maintaining their medium bodied elegance and charm.

Winemaker's Notes

The fruit was handpicked and sorted in the vineyard before fermentation took place in our open-top vats. After fermentation, the wine was matured in mostly older French-oak casks (2500L) for 15 months.

Tasting Notes

Stylistically quite similar to the 2017, with a vibrant purple colour and wonderfully fragrant nose of rich, dark berry fruits and lifted French oak. The palate shows darker fruits with a great length and a bright, fresh acidity.

Date Picked 2 February - 6 February 2018 | **Date Bottled** tba

Alc 13.4% | **pH** 3.37 | **TA** 7.08 g/L

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