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HUNTER VALLEY SHIRAZ 2016



Vineyard

A selection of some of our top blocks, most of which are dry grown and averaging 40 years in vine age.

Vintage Conditions The 2016 growing season started with great promise with our wettest winter in nearly a decade. Perfect conditions for budburst and flowering were followed by an unsettled summer consisting of hot days and wild storms. Luckily these weather patterns calmed down into one of the driest February's on record.

Winemaker's Notes

Fermented in traditional hand plunged open vats and then matured in 4 year and older (2600L) French oak barrels. These French 'Foudre' casks serve to lift and freshen the fruit on the nose and palate rather than add any obvious characters of new wood. This wine is developed with a simple winemaking philosophy; choose the best fruit we can and gently encourage the savoury red fruit and soft tannins that the Hunter is famous for to shine through.

*"The 'baby brother'
to our famous
Vat 9 Shiraz"*

Tasting Notes

A classic medium-bodied Hunter style. Deceptively 'rich' with a savoury pepper and charcuterie flavour mixed in good proportions with ripe red and black berry fruits. Solid colour and intensity start the wine off in the right direction, while the palate shows up-front fruit sweetness with our hallmark savoury crunchy tannins and fresh moreish finish. Vintage conditions resulted in a combination of really ripe fruit flavours balanced by the leaner savoury ones, making this wine not only very drinkable but also adding some intrigue.

Date Picked 10 – 22 February 2016 | Date Bottled 15 December 2017

Alc 13.5% | pH 3.53 | TA 6.48 g/L

THE STORY OF THE HUNTER VALLEY RANGE

Our Hunter Valley range is quintessentially Tyrrell's and quintessentially Hunter. It showcases the key varieties of the region – Semillon, Chardonnay and Shiraz.

This range is made to the same high standards and style as our *Winemaker's Selection* Vat 1, Vat 47 and Vat 9, in essence making our Hunter Valley range the 'baby brothers' of these three iconic wines.



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