



# 2018 1880 VINES OLD HILL SHIRAZ



**Region:** Hunter Valley, NSW

**Winemaker:** Adrian Sparks

## Growing Conditions

Little rainfall and a warm winter resulted in early bud burst for the region. The region recorded lower than average rainfall throughout the growing season resulting in an early vintage. Fruit quality was high with no disease pressure. With crops being slightly lower than average, harvest was around 8 days earlier than normal, with pristine fruit showing great intensity.

## Colour

Deep Purple

## Aroma

Spice and berries complemented by intense fruit character.

## Palate

Classic Old Hill length and intensity. Ripe red fruits finishing with seamless Old Vine tannin.

## Vinification/Maturation

Hand picked in three passes through the vineyard, only selecting the perfect bunches on each run. The fruit was destemmed to small open fermenters for a brief cold soaking period where intense colour was gained immediately. The juice was then fermented at 18-25 °C for approximately 9 days, then gently pressed to large format French oak barrels (~20% new) for almost 9 months maturation before blending and bottling.

**Alcohol/Vol** 13.5%