

RESERVE 2019 THE BASIN HUNTER VALLEY SHIRAZ

Hunter Valley Shiraz is highly regarded and recognised worldwide for its quality, structure, and versatile cellaring potential.

Vineyard: The Basin Shiraz is an isolated parcel selected from our Brokenback Vineyard and produced in very limited quantities from low yielding vines. The Shiraz is grown on well-drained fertile red clays and clay loams located in Pokolbin the heart of Hunter Valley wine country N.S.W. The majority of the vineyard has drip irrigation installed on each vine row to ensure vine health and consistency of quality. There are also selected areas of the Shiraz vineyard that are dry grown and have been that way for approximately 45 years. The crop yields are relatively low, producing excellent concentration of fruit flavour.

Harvest: Date – 3rd February: The grapes were handpicked during the cool hours of early morning (6am – 10am).

Vintage Conditions: The 2019 vintage was very hot and dry leading up to harvest. We then experienced a welcomed rain event, and the Shiraz harvest began in early February. These climatic conditions produced smaller berries and higher sugar levels, resulting in very limited yields of high-quality fruit. The wines made from 2014 are displaying excellent fruit flavour whilst retaining natural acidity.

Appearance: Deep red/purple in colour with a vibrant crimson hue.

Bouquet: An intense bouquet of plum and spice with supporting oak.

Palate: This 2019 Hunter Valley Shiraz displays a lovely fruit rich palate complexed with peppery and spicy notes. The polished tannins are ripe and supple. Combine this with quality French oak barrel maturation and the wine delivers a generous, well-structured, and sophisticated mouth feel with great length of flavour.

Winemaking: After crushing and destemming the must was fermented on the grape skin for approximately 10 days in a static fermenter. The wine was then pressed off to another stainless-steel vessel. Malolactic fermentation was completed shortly after the alcoholic fermentation and the wine was racked into brand new plus 1 and 2-year-old small French oak casks for 14 months' maturation. The wine was fined and filtered for bottling in November 2020.

Cellaring: Careful cellaring up to 10 years and beyond will be rewarded.

Alcohol - 14.5%

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