



## RESERVE

### 2019 WESTERN SLOPES HUNTER VALLEY SHIRAZ

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

#### Vineyard:

Our Western Slopes 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.

**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 layers of dark berry fruit flavours with a touch of spice and a fine, silky tannin structure. The well-integrated French oak leaves the palate full yet soft with great complexity and length.

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

#### 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.

#### Wine Analysis:

Alcohol – 14.5% | Residual Sugar – 0.75g/Lt | T.A. – 7.1g/Lt | pH – 3.52

#### Awards:

GOLD – 2021 International Wine Challenge, London

GOLD – 2021 Decanter World Wine Awards



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