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BROKENBACK 2017 SHIRAZ HUNTER VALLEY

Vineyard: Our Brokenback Vineyard 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 – 31st January: The grapes were hand-picked during the cool hours of early morning (5am – 11am).

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

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

Palate: This Shiraz is a classic rich and flavoursome style with subtle French oak complexity. The wine displays pepper, spice and layers of ripe red berry and plum fruit flavours, while the fine tannins give the wine structure and length. Medium bodied style.

Cellaring: Drinking well now or will further develop with medium term cellaring, 5-10 years.

Vintage Conditions: The 2017 vintage was an excellent year for winemaking in the Hunter Valley. After experiencing hot and dry conditions during ripening and harvest the resultant wines full bodied in style whilst maintaining elegance and finesse. The wines made from 2017 medium bodied styles displaying excellent fruit flavour whilst retaining natural acidity.

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 then the wine was racked into 1, 2 and 3-year-old small French 80% and American 20% oak casks for 14 months maturation. The wine was fined and filtered for bottling in December 2018.

Alcohol – 14.0%



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