

TYRRELL'S



WINEMAKER'S SELECTION VAT 8 SHIRAZ CABERNET 2018

Vineyard

Vat 8 Shiraz Cabernet is sourced from Shiraz grown on the Ashmans property with an average vine age of 35 years and Cabernet Sauvignon grown on Pokolbin Hills Estate planted in 2009. The 2018 vintage blend is 90% Shiraz and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon.

Vintage Conditions

Vintage 2018 was a spectacular red vintage in the Hunter Valley. Dry, warm conditions that were similar to 2003 meant cropping levels were smaller than average and produced wines great concentration and length of flavour. 2018 was one of the earliest red harvests we have seen, starting on January 29.

Winemaker's Notes

After fermentation in stainless-steel vats, both parcels were matured separately before blending in November 2018. The blended wine then finished its maturation in French-oak barriques until bottling in May 2019.

Tasting Notes

A modern style of Australian red that also respects the tradition of using varietal blending to make a more rounded wine. The wine shows intense plum fruit sweetness from the Shiraz with dark berry and chocolate characters. The Cabernet component adds to the length and fullness of the wine.

Date Picked Shiraz: 29th January – 5th February 2018 | Cabernet Sauvignon: 23rd February 2018

Date Bottled 15th May 2019

Alc 14.0% | pH 3.37 | TA 6.51 g/L

THE STORY OF THE WINEMAKER'S SELECTION RANGE

Our flagship range. Made in small volumes and produced using only the best parcels of fruit from our top vineyards, these wines showcase the very best that the Hunter Valley has to offer. One of Australia's oldest and most awarded collections of wine.

The name "vat" stems from the still present large oak maturation vessels which were used by the Tyrrell's forebears. And the number represents the cask in which that style of wine was originally fermented or matured.
