

TYRRELL'S



WINEMAKER'S SELECTION VAT 9 SHIRAZ 2018

Vineyard

Vat 9 is a blend of the best old blocks that sit on the strip of red soil that runs through the winery. Weinkeller (1970), NVC (1921), 8 Acres (1892), and the Short Flat (1968) make up the 2018 blend.

Vintage Conditions

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

Winemaker's Notes

Handpicked and meticulously sorted in the vineyard. A percentage of whole bunches were included in the ferment and the majority of the fruit was destemmed but not crushed, ensuring as many whole berries as possible were in the fermenter. All blocks were fermented separately and matured in mostly 1 and 2 year old large format French Oak (2,700L) until December 2018 when they were blended to create the Vat 9 blend. The wine returned to those same casks for further maturation until bottling in May 2019. No finings were used.

Tasting Notes

Intense purple in colour, lifted spice and a pretty red berry nose with a subtle oak lift. The palate is medium bodied showing soft sweet fruits, subtle oak enhances the mid palate which is complimented by the fine, clean acid structure and long tannins. A classic Vat 9 that will have a long life in the cellar.

Date Picked 29 January – 5 February 2018 | Date Bottled 15 May 2019

Alc 13.5% | pH 3.40 | TA 6.41 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.
