

TYRRELL'S



WINEMAKER'S SELECTION

VAT 1 SEMILLON 2009

Landmark Vintage Release

Vineyard

The Vat 1 Semillon was taken from two of the best old blocks of Semillon, the Short Flat and Debeyers vineyards. These two blocks are only a few hundred metres apart and are both dry grown, consisting of light, sandy, well drained soils. The Short Flat was planted in 1923 and Debeyers planted in 1968.

Vintage Conditions

Great soil moisture from the previous growing season meant that all of the vineyards saw their best season in years. Kind weather over Christmas ensured even ripening and flavour development in the bunches.

Winemaker's Notes

All the fruit was hand picked in the early hours of the morning when the temperature is coolest. All fruit was lightly pressed before a relatively cool fermentation. After which, the wine spent a minimal time on yeast lees before bottling early to maintain its freshness. No oak fermentation or maturation.

Tasting Notes

The appearance of the wine immediately belies its age; bright and glossy with vibrant, green hues. The nose is incredibly complex; lemon curd, candle wax, buttered toast; freshened with a hint of lemon zest. Showing classic aged Hunter Semillon characters, with a palate weight and intensity only seen in the best of the best vintages. Complex, seamless layers with a powerful citrus drive, and persistence of flavour. The perfect balance of youthfulness and bottle age.

Date Picked Debeyers 27 January and the Short Flat 2 - 3 February | **Date Bottled** 14 July 2009

Alc 11.5% | **pH** 3.06 | **TA** 6.36 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.