

TYRRELL'S



WINEMAKER'S SELECTION VAT 1 SEMILLON 2016

Vineyard

Vat 1 Semillon only ever comes from our best old vine, dry grown vineyards. These blocks feature ideal sandy, free draining soils that give these wines their unique character. The oldest of these blocks was planted in 1923.

Vintage Conditions

The 2016 growing season was one that started with great promise with our wettest winter in nearly a decade. Perfect conditions for budburst and flowering were followed by an unsettled summer consisting of hot days and wild storms. Luckily, these weather patterns calmed down into one of the driest February's on record.

Winemaker's Notes

Handpicked in the early hours of the morning, the fruit is very lightly crushed and pressed before a relatively cool fermentation. Then the wine spent minimal time on yeast lees before being bottled early to maintain its freshness. No oak fermentation or maturation.

Tasting Notes

An inviting nose of citrus and a palate that is the perfect mid-point between power and elegance. The signature Vat 1 fruit power is balanced by its delicate yet crisp acid profile, resulting in a seamless wine with a clean finish. Poised to enjoy a long life in the cellar.

Date Picked 30 January and 2 February 2016 | **Date Bottled** 28 June 2016

Alc 11.0% | **pH** 3.10 | **TA** 7.02 g/L

THE STORY OF WINEMAKER'S SELECTION

Murray Tyrrell created the Winemaker's Selection range back in 1965, when, with the assistance of Len Evans, he set out to determine the best wines from each vintage. He named these wines after the casks in which they were matured; for instance, the first Chardonnay we made went into cask number 47, so it became Vat 47 Chardonnay, or Pinot Chardonnay as it was then called. In 1974, having discovered that we had up to six casks from the same vineyard block that all tasted much the same, we brought the selection down to about 12 wines in total - a mixture of whites and reds. The early 2000s saw a further consolidation with the inauguration of the Sacred Sites range and the expansion of our Single Vineyard program. Today, the Winemaker's Selections are estate-grown on the various blocks that form the wines that we believe best represent our land and house style. These wines are only bottled in years when we believe that the quality is high enough to meet our exacting standards.