

TYRRELL'S



SINGLE VINEYARD HVD SEMILLON 2017

Vineyard

Situated between two dry creek beds, the HVD (Hunter Valley Distillery) vineyard has ideal soils for Semillon; free draining sandy soils over coarse river sand. The vines are dry grown and were planted in 1908.

Vintage Conditions

The 2017 growing season was one of the best in recent memory, and has produced wines of the highest quality. Solid rains in winter and spring meant the vines had constant access to water. The warmer weather in the New Year meant all of the fruit was in near perfect condition and ripeness when harvested.

Winemaker's Notes

Handpicked in the early hours of the morning, the fruit was 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

Textbook HVD Semillon showing a lifted, generous floral aromatic and just beginning to show a hint of bottle age complexity. The palate is vibrant with an abundance of mouth filling citrus fruit, typical of the vineyard with a fine boned acidity with an almost chalky finish.

Date Picked 30 and 31 January 2017 | **Date Bottled** 5 July 2017

Alc 10.5% | **pH** 3.15 | **TA** 6.27 g/L

THE STORY OF SINGLE VINEYARD

Our Single Vineyards celebrate the best single blocks that produce wines of distinct character unique to that site and the Hunter Valley. The redefinition of the vineyard source of our top wines has been the major change at Tyrrell's over the past 35 years. For most of our history, Tyrrell's has produced its wines by blending together parcels from different vineyards. However, in 1983, we created the HVD Semillon, our first formally recognised single-vineyard wine. Throughout the 1980s, we continued to investigate how the location and soil of each individual vineyard influences the unique flavours of the wines they produce. Then, in 1992, Bruce Tyrrell struck a deal to buy grapes from the Stevens family, sealing it with a handshake. This key move was a shift in direction to focus on the intrinsic quality and uniqueness of the great single vineyards of the Hunter Valley and beyond. Since then, we've set out to lease, purchase or enter into grape-buying arrangements with the very best vineyard sites in the Hunter Valley. Today, our Single Vineyard range celebrates those truly great vineyard blocks, which produce wines with a distinct character that's unique to that site and to the Hunter.