

# TYRRELL'S



## SACRED SITES 4 ACRES SHIRAZ 2021

Date Picked 18 February 2021

Date Bottled 29 April 2022

Bottles Produced 3920

Alc 13.0% | pH 3.39 | TA 5.93 g/L

### VINEYARD

The 4 Acres Vineyard was planted in 1879 on deep red clay soils over limestone and is the oldest block on Tyrrell Estate, 'Ashmans'. A truly authentic Hunter Valley vineyard in its ability to produce a medium-bodied, elegant style with understated power, length and complexity.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

On February 18 the fruit was handpicked and sorted in the vineyard before a natural fermentation took place in our open top vats with approximately 10% whole bunches. After fermentation, the wine was matured in a single, three-year-old French oak cask for 14 months.

### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The autumn and winter months of 2020 saw the worst drought in a generation be broken with substantial rainfall, we led into an outstanding growing season for the 2021 vintage. A cool summer then gave us even, stress-free ripening with some heat around Australia Day that was perfectly timed at the final stages of ripening. With an early budburst and later than normal harvesting, the fruit had a longer than normal hang time, which meant that all of the fruit had wonderful flavours balanced by a high natural acidity.

### TASTING NOTES

Medium colour density with a bright purple hue. It has a complex aromatic profile of red fruits, dried herb and touch of pepper. The palate shows great precision and clarity, whilst being light to medium-bodied, a true Hunter River Burgundy style. Bright red fruits, lively acid and subtle tannins all work together seamlessly. A wine with deceptive length, and great complexity and freshness.

### THE STORY OF SACRED SITES

Our long history in the Hunter Valley has enabled us to identify the region's best vineyards, 11 of them more than a century old; to ascertain the best blocks within those vineyards; and to craft wines from those blocks that clearly reflect their origins. In 2004, we decided that if the vines were still healthy and producing great wine after 100 years, then those wines deserved to be made and bottled individually, and so the Sacred Sites collection was born. The Tyrrell family owns eight of the 11 oldest vineyards in NSW and uses fruit from these ancient vines to craft the wines that make up our Tyrrell's Sacred Sites. Having survived the test of time these ancient vines consistently make exceptional wines that have their own distinct character and unique qualities. Vineyard size limits production to 250–300 dozen from each site, which, combined with their intrinsic quality, unique flavour profiles and ability to age, turns the wines into instant collectors' items.