

# TYRRELL'S



## WINEMAKER'S SELECTION VAT 8 SHIRAZ CABERNET 2021

### Vineyard

In 2021, we decided to go back to our historic roots and make Vat 8 Shiraz Cabernet as a multi-regional blend. The Shiraz is sourced from some of the best parcels on the Tyrrell's Estate 'Ashmans' property, with the Cabernet Sauvignon coming from McLaren Vale. The 2021 vintage blend is 60% Shiraz and 40% Cabernet Sauvignon..

### 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.

### Winemaker's Notes

After fermentation in stainless steel vats, both parcels were matured separately before blending in November 2021. The blended wine then finished its maturation in French oak barriques until bottling in April 2022.

### Tasting Notes

A modern interpretation of the Great Australian Red that respects the tradition of varietal blending to make a more rounded wine. The wine shows intense plum fruit sweetness from the Shiraz with dark berry and chocolate characters. The Cabernet component adds to the density and structure of the wine.

**Date Picked** Shiraz, 11 - 19 February 2021, Cabernet, 30 March 2021 | **Date Bottled** 29 April 2022

**Alc** 14.0% | **pH** 3.44 | **TA** 7.67 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.