

TYRRELL'S WINES



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# HUNTER VALLEY CHARDONNAY 2017



## Vineyard

Sourced from the younger blocks on and around the Tyrrell's property of a similar pedigree to our Vat 47 Chardonnay, including our HVD vineyard with a total average vine age of approx 35 years. Dominating soil types are light sandy loams ideal for Hunter Chardonnay.

## Vintage Conditions

The 2017 vintage 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 and the warmer weather in the new year meant all of the fruit was in near perfect condition and ripeness when it was harvested.

*“The ‘baby brother’  
to our famous  
Vat 47 Chardonnay”*

## Winemaker's Notes

A combination of basket pressing and light pressing in an air bag press meant only the very best free run juice was used. After cold settling for 2 days the juice began fermentation in stainless steel tanks before being transferred to mostly older French oak barriques. A small portion was left to mature in tank to keep a fresher and un-oaked portion for the blend. The wine also spent all of its time of yeast lees to gain texture and complexity.

## Tasting Notes

Textbook modern Hunter Valley Chardonnay, the wine is medium in colour with nice green hues. The nose shows a great mixture citrus, white stone fruit, some oak spice as well as just a hint of solids complexity. The palate is medium bodied with a great fruit intensity and texture through the mid palate with soft acid on the finish.

**Date Picked** 17 – 28 January 2017 | **Date Bottled** 11 December 2017

**Alc** 12.5% | **pH** 3.54 | **TA** 5.97 g/L

## THE STORY OF THE HUNTER VALLEY RANGE

Our Hunter Valley range is quintessentially Tyrrell's and quintessentially Hunter. It showcases the key varieties of the region – Semillon, Chardonnay and Shiraz.

This range is made to the same high standards and style as our *Winemaker's Selection* Vat 1, Vat 47 and Vat 9, in essence making our Hunter Valley range the 'baby brothers' of these three iconic wines.



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