

TYRRELL'S WINES



WINEMAKER'S SELECTION HUNTER VALLEY VAT 8 SHIRAZ CABERNET 2013

VINEYARD – The shiraz component of Vat 8 comes from blocks on the winery property that traditionally produce riper and more muscular flavour profiles, whilst the Cabernet Sauvignon comes from a vineyard at the foothills of the Brokenback Range called Pokolbin Hills Estate.

SOIL – Heavy, dark clay over limestone.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS – A late start to spring which led into a cool November and December set us up nicely for a good vintage. Then January brought with it ten days of above average warm weather which helped ripen the fruit perfectly.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES – All of the individual blocks were fermented separately before being matured in mostly 225L French oak barriques, which are much smaller than the casks we use for Vat 9. This oak treatment is much more suited to the style of this wine and gives it a better overall balance.

WINE ANALYSIS – Alc 13.5% pH 3.42 TA 7.28g/L

TASTING NOTES – A modern style of Australian red that also respects the tradition of regional and varietal blending to make a more rounded wine. The colour is the deepest of all the 2013 reds and the nose is rich and ripe with subtle smoky notes. The palate is complex and flavoursome, with nice firm tannin on the finish.

AWARDS – The 2013 Vat 8 Shiraz Cabernet has won 1 silver medal and 4 bronze medals.

RATING - 94 Points Gary Walsh, Wine Front