

TYRRELL'S WINES



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VAT 9 SHIRAZ

2016



Vintage Conditions The 2016 growing season was one that started with great promise with our wettest winter in nearly a decade. Perfect conditions for budburst and flowering were followed by an unsettled summer consisting of hot days and wild storms. Luckily these weather patterns calmed down into one of the driest February's on record.

Vineyard

With an average vine age of 66 years, Vat 9 2016 is a blend of the 1892 8 Acres block, 1968 Contour block, and 1968 Weinkellar east block. All these blocks are dry grown and feature similar soil types, red volcanic clay over limestone, which is ideal for super premium Hunter Valley Shiraz.

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Winemaker's Notes The individual blocks were all handpicked and the fruit was destemmed but not crushed to encourage whole berry fermentation in open top stainless steel vats. Matured in mostly newer French oak casks (2,700Lt) until blending in April 2017 and bottling one month later.

Tasting Notes

Fresh savoury spice and lifted dark fruits on the nose. The palate is medium bodied showing soft dark fruits, subtle oak enhances the mid palate, which is extended by the fine, clean acid structure. An elegant Vat 9 in the same vein of some of the great Hunter River Burgundies of the past. Excellent drinking upon release and will develop in complexity with medium term bottle age.

Date Picked 15 February-26 February 2016 | **Date Bottled** May 2017

Alc 13.0% | **pH** 3.49 | **TA** 6.44 g/L

THE STORY OF THE WINEMAKER'S SELECTION RANGE

Our flagship range. Made in small volumes and produced using only the best parcels of fruit from our top vineyards, these wines showcase the very best that the Hunter Valley has to offer. One of Australia's most awarded collections of wine. The name "vat" stems from the still present large oak maturation vessels which were used by the Tyrrell's forebearers. And the number represents the cask in which that style of wine was originally fermented or matured.



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