

# TYRRELL'S



## WINEMAKER'S SELECTION VAT 47 CHARDONNAY 2019

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### Vineyard

Vat 47 Chardonnay comes entirely from our Short Flat vineyard, where the original Chardonnay vines were planted by Murray Tyrrell in 1968. Each block on the Short Flat is made separately and blended before bottling.

### Vintage Conditions

Chardonnay was the star varietal from the 2019 vintage. Continued dry conditions meant cropping levels were slightly lower than normal however all of the fruit was in perfect condition. This year saw a return to picking later in January, with the majority of the Short Flat being picked in the last few days of January - two weeks later than in 2018.

### Winemaker's Notes

All of the fruit was handpicked before immediately being basket-pressed. The juice was then cold settled for two days before being racked to another stainless-steel tank to begin fermentation. The fermenting juice was then transferred to French oak barriques to complete fermentation and maturation before bottling in October.

### Tasting Notes

This year's Vat 47 treads the fine line between power and elegance. A complex nose shows white stone fruit with a hint of grapefruit and delicate flowers, and only a hint of high-quality French oak in the background. The palate is medium-bodied and shows sweet Chardonnay fruit that is balanced by textural elements derived from the solids ferment and extended time on yeast lees.

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**Date Picked** 21, 26, 29 & 30 January 2019 | **Date Bottled** 31 October 2019

**Alc** 13.0% | **pH** 3.32 | **TA** 5.79 g/L

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## 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.