

# TYRRELL'S VAT 1 HUNTER SEMILLON 2000

**A**rguably Australia's finest Semillon, Vat 1 epitomises the benefits of patient bottle ageing that transforms this unoaked wine into a masterpiece. Tyrrell's Vat 1 was first produced in 1963 from Semillon grapes grown on the sandy dry creek bed of the Short Flat Vineyard across the road from Tyrrell's historic Pokolbin winery.

Regarded as one of the world's greatest white wines, Vat 1 is quite unique and a true expression of Hunter terrior.

According to Jancis Robinson, "Semillon is Australia's unique gift to the world."



## VINTAGE

A real mixture between the previous two vintages. During winter we received good rains that were vital to setting up a good crop. The weather remained cool and mild throughout November and December. In January though, summer finally arrived and brought with it dry conditions and heat that are required to properly ripen the fruit in sound condition.

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Picked in the first two weeks of February in almost perfect conditions. The grapes were crushed and fined prior to fermenting under cool conditions in stainless steel, spending a short period on gross lees, and then three months on secondary lees, before it was finally racked for bottling in late July. The next six years were then quietly spent in a dark, temperature and humidity controlled cellaring facility at the Winery before being released.

Alc. 11.1%

## TASTING NOTES

A classic Hunter Valley Semillon showing a tightly structured palate with considerable length and breadth of citrus fruit flavours. This wine is beginning to display toasty bottle aged complexity. Whilst drinking well now, it will continue to develop delicious bottle age characters until at least 2010.

## AWARDS

The 2000 Vat 1 has been awarded 1 Trophy, 2 Gold and 3 Bronze medals since release.

## OTHER WINES IN THE RANGE

- Vat 47 Hunter Chardonnay
- Vat 6 Hunter Pinot Noir
- Vat 8 Shiraz Cabernet
- Vat 9 Hunter Shiraz



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