

Tyrrell's

A refined Hunter Valley Shiraz showcasing 50-year-old vines , revealing deep heritage and mineral-laced concentration.

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Old Hillside Vineyard Shiraz 2023

Hunter Valley, Australia

Region and Vineyards

The Old Hillside Vineyard lies in **Pokolbin**, the heart of the Hunter Valley, beneath the sheltering **Brokenback mountain range**. Acquired by the Tyrrell family in 2017, it includes vines averaging **50 years of age**, producing fruit of impressive depth and consistency. Its **east-facing slope** benefits from early sunlight and afternoon shade, promoting gentle ripening and preserving acidity. The soils are **dark and rich**, contrasting with the lighter profiles found at Tyrrell's Ashmans property, offering a deeper mineral structure and amplified fruit weight.

Hunter Valley is one of Australia's oldest and most respected wine regions, renowned for crafting **medium-bodied, savoury Shiraz**. In 2018, the region enjoyed an ideal growing season—**warm and dry**, yet moderated by coastal breezes - resulting in Shiraz wines with exceptional balance, vibrant acidity, and textural refinement. Old Hillside is a superb reflection of Pokolbin's terroir: expressive, age-worthy, and true to place.

Winemaking

The wine was crafted using traditional methods: **hand-harvesting and vineyard sorting**, followed by fermentation in **open-top vats -** a hallmark of Tyrrell's artisanal approach. Post-fermentation, the Shiraz was aged for **15 months in large-format French oak casks** (predominantly older 2,500 L), allowing the fruit to lead while imparting subtle oak integration and textural polish.

This restrained oak regime supports the wine's innate character, allowing the vineyard's identity to shine. The focus is on finesse and freshness, rather than overt power, in keeping with Hunter Valley's signature style.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep purple with vibrant hues, suggesting youth and concentration.
- **Aroma:** Fragrant and lifted, with pronounced **blackberry, dark cherry**, and hints of **French oak spice** and violet.
- **Palate:** Medium-bodied with poised dark fruit, **bright acidity**, and fine-grained tannins. Long, savoury finish with subtle earthy complexity and floral freshness.

Alcohol :13,40 %

Composition: 100% Syrah

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Did you know?

Although the Tyrrell family only acquired the Old Hillside vineyard in **December 2017**, its historic vines—some over half a century old—are a continuation of Tyrrell's legacy of sourcing **exceptional single-vineyard parcels**, a philosophy first pioneered by the estate in the early 1980s with the HVD Semillon.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Chargrilled lamb cutlets:** Echoes the wine's herbal and smoky notes while matching its structure.
- **Duck breast with blackberry reduction:** Complements the fruit profile and bright acidity.
- **Roasted eggplant and mushroom stew:** A vegetarian pairing that highlights the wine's savoury edge.
- **Kangaroo fillet with native pepperberry glaze:** A local Australian match for regional authenticity.

97 James Suckling

James Suckling (JS) : 97 Points (2018)

Glossy, mirrored, saturated, dense and vibrant purple colour, with concentrated dark fruit aromatics. A deep brooding wine; crunchy, textural, tightly coiled and bright with depth of dark fruits across the palate. Regional petracore notes, (the chemical reaction of the rain hitting the dirt on a hot summer afternoon). Subtle, high quality oak in the supporting role. Textbook Hunter Shiraz.