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A masterclass in Hunter Valley Shiraz , Vat 9 2021 delivers a seamless fusion of old-vine depth, spice-laced fruit, and structural finesse.

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VAT 9 Shiraz 2021

Hunter Valley, Australia

Region and Vineyards

Vat 9 Shiraz 2021 is sourced from the oldest and most revered blocks of Tyrrell's **Ashmans Estate** in Pokolbin, Hunter Valley. The core of the blend comes from the **Weinkeller** and **Short Flat** vineyards, where vines planted as early as 1892 thrive in **red clay soils over limestone**. This unique terroir imparts a signature mineral tension and depth to the wine.

The 2021 vintage followed a challenging drought period, but substantial rainfall in autumn and winter rejuvenated the vineyards. A cool summer and extended hang time allowed for even, stress-free ripening, resulting in fruit with exceptional flavour concentration and natural acidity .

Winemaking

Grapes were **handpicked and sorted** in the vineyard during the second week of February. Fermentation occurred in **open-top vats**, with a portion of whole bunches included to enhance aromatic complexity. Post-fermentation, the individual parcels were matured in **mostly newer 2,700 L French oak casks** for 14 months. The final blend was assembled in November 2021 and returned to the same casks for further maturation before bottling in May 2022 .

This meticulous approach preserves the wine's **fruit purity and structural integrity**, ensuring a harmonious balance between oak influence and varietal expression.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Vibrant purple with a glossy hue.
- **Aroma:** A regal nose of lifted spice, dark fruits, and subtle hints of oak.
- **Palate:** Medium-bodied with great intensity and a velvety texture. The palate structure is effortless, showcasing a wonderful balance of fruit, acid, oak, and tannin .

Alcohol :13,00 %

Composition: 100% Syrah

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Did you know?

Vat 9 was first crafted in 1962 by the late Murray Tyrrell, with fruit sourced from vines planted as early as 1892. The wine's name originates from the specific fermentation vat used during its inaugural vintage, a tradition that continues to this day.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled lamb chops with rosemary:** Complements the wine's savoury notes and medium body.
- **Duck breast with plum sauce:** Enhances the dark fruit profile and spice elements.
- **Mushroom risotto:** Echoes the wine's earthy undertones and velvety texture.
- **Aged cheddar cheese:** Balances the wine's acidity and tannic structure.

Robert Parker (RP) : 96 Points (2021)

The 2021 Vat 9 Hunter Shiraz is everything we want and expect from quality Hunter Valley Shiraz: medium-bodied, mineral, elegant, saturated with red fruit flavor and layered with exotic spice. The tannins are key to enjoyment here; they are very fine, ductile, almost whippy in shape and texture and show such extreme elegance that one cannot imagine what more one could want from tannins. They serve the fruit perfectly. This will only get better. And better. And better.

James Halliday (JH) : 96 Points (2021)

Created in 1962 by the late Murray Tyrrell, and I had became well aware of it by the mid-1960s as my weekend trips to the Hunter became more frequent. The fruit for Vat 9 is hand picked from the best parcels off ancient red clay soils over limestone with a minimum age of 50 years. The wine overflows with lively, spicy fruits that dance in the mouth as the oak joins in the savoury core, reflecting the maturation in 'mostly newer' oak for the usual 14 months. There also appears to be some whole bunches involved.

James Suckling (JS) : 94 Points (2021)

A juicy and fruity shiraz with plums, ripe strawberries and undertones of sliced red meat, terra cotta and orange peel. Medium to full body, creamy tannins and a savory finish. Lovely intensity of fruit and focus.