



# PEPPER TREE

## LIMITED RELEASE

### 'THE PEBBLES' 2018 Wrattobully Shiraz Viognier

A complex aromatic mix of spice and florals with dark berry fruits, integrated well with savoury oak. An opulent and expressive cool climate Shiraz Viognier, medium bodied yet powerfully concentrated with dark berry fruits and wonderful spice. Supple tannins and fine acidity provide great structure and balance to the sweet mid palate fruit.

Head Winemaker, Gwyn Olsen

#### VINTAGE

Our 2018 growing season got off to an unfortunate start with a severe frost in early November wiping out 75% of our crop. Conditions for the rest of the year remained favourable and the reduced crops ripened fully with very good tannin structures. Small parcels of handpicked Shiraz and Cabernet have produced excellent single vineyard wines.

In summary, very small crops but outstanding quality.

#### APPELLATION / GI

Wrattobully (South Australia) 100%

#### WINEMAKING

Optimal harvest conditions saw this block ripen very well. Both varieties picked, were clean and bright, the grapes were destemmed together and cold soaked for 3 days. The must was then inoculated and fermented on skins for two weeks before being pressed off and put to barrel. Following 18 months maturation in oak the wine

#### VINEYARD

Wrattobully is located in the Limestone Coast wine zone. The prominent viticultural feature of the area is the series of ancient beach ridges and dunes which run roughly north-south through the area. These ridges are made up of soft crumbly limestone which weathers to produce the red and brown Terra Rossa clay loam soils so highly prized for grape growing. The ridges and dunes have elevations of up to 30m compared with the neighbouring regions to the south with a Terra Rossa 'high' of less than 5m. The extra elevation on the Wrattobully dunes produce the advantage of cold air drainage which reduces the risk of frost during the growing season.

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

BLEND:	Shiraz (95%) Viognier (5%)
BOTTLING DATE:	02/2020
PH:	3.54
TA:	6.44g/l
ALC/VOL:	14.1%
STANDARD DRINKS:	8.3



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