



PEPPER TREE



VARIETAL RANGE 2018 Cool Climates Shiraz

Blended from our two cool climate regions of Wrattenbully and Orange, this Shiraz is a focus on style and expression. Vibrant florals and hints of pepper fill the nose. The palate is layered with juicy red fruits, complex spice notes and a great acid line showcasing the cool climate style. The tannins are ripe providing a wine that is long and rich, ready to drink now.

Head Winemaker, Gwyn Olsen

VINTAGE

WRATTONBULLY - 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.

In summary, very small crops but outstanding quality.

ORANGE - Our Orange vineyard experienced sustained drought conditions along with some unseasonably hot days around vintage. We were lucky to start the season with a full dam and our subsurface bore maintained good flow rates throughout the season. Very good red wines were made particularly from Shiraz and Pinot Noir although Cabernet and Merlot were also picked in very good condition.

APPELLATION/ GI

Wrattenbully (SA) 65%

Orange (NSW) 35%

WINEMAKING

Individual blocks machine harvested once flavour ripe and destemmed, sorted in the vineyard. The fruit is chilled at the winery and cold soaked for 4 days before being inoculated. Fermented with M2 yeast in static fermenters for 10-14 days before being pressed off skins. Wines are then racked to oak for 12 months maturation before blending and bottling.

VINEYARD

Wrattenbully 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 Terra Rossa 'high' of less than 5m. The extra elevation on the Wrattenbully dunes produce the advantage of cold air drainage which reduces the risk of frost during the growing season.

The Orange region of New South Wales is one of Australia's newest premium regions being favoured for its high altitude cool climate. Situated approximately 270 km west of Sydney the topography and soils of the Orange region are dominated by the extinct volcano Mt Canobolas. The present day peak of the mountain is at 1400m and vineyards in the region are planted at elevations as high as 1100m with the lowest elevations in the region being 600m. Soils in the central part of the region are derived from the basaltic lavas of the old volcano, and primarily consist of deep red to brown free draining clay loams.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

BLEND:	Shiraz
BOTTLING DATE:	01/2021
PH:	3.50
TA:	6.4 g/l
ALC/VOL:	14.2%
STANDARD DRINKS:	8.4



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