



PEPPER TREE

LIMITED RELEASE 'THE PEBBLES' 2019 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

Despite some nail-biting brushes with frost, 2019 turned out to be an excellent vintage and produced arguably the best wines from the area since 2004.

Cool early season conditions led to low yields in Cabernet Sauvignon but all other varieties yielded well. Hot weather in January and February had marginal impact on our vineyard and by the time ripening was well underway in March, conditions had cooled considerably. This led to one of the longest ripening seasons for many years and the last fruit was harvested in May. The long 'hang time' led to fruit of great flavour and balance.

Some outstanding parcels of Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon were picked especially from our 21A Cabernet block. These wines have intense colour and flavour and the long slow ripening has produced very good integration and balance of tannins. Our first crops of Malbec and Barbera show great promise for these varieties and Tempranillo also had great flavour.

2019 reds are expected to be outstanding.

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 was blended and prepared for bottling.

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:	09/2020
PH:	3.54
TA:	6.44 g/l
ALC/VOL:	14.2%
STANDARD DRINKS:	8.4



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