



# PEPPER TREE

## LIMITED RELEASE

### ‘THE PEBBLES’ 2021 Wrattenbully Shiraz

A complex aromatic mix of spice and florals with dark berry fruits, ‘The Pebbles’ is a medium bodied yet powerfully concentrated expressions of cool climate Shiraz. Supple tannins and fine acidity provide great structure and balance to the sweet mid palate fruit, brilliantly displaying the opulent and expressive nature of Shiraz from the Wrattenbully region.

#### VINTAGE

Wrattenbully experienced the coolest vintage for many years which led to slow balanced ripening. The quality of the resulting wines is considered by many locals to be the best for 40 years. The cool weather allowed for complete flavour ripening by time sugar ripeness was achieved. This produced great balance across all varieties.

The most outstanding vintage for many years.

#### APPELLATION / GI

Wrattenbully (South Australia) 100%

#### WINEMAKING

Ideal growing conditions allowed the fruit to develop concentration and flavour, with harvesting carefully timed to produce a wine of character, balance and generosity. Following crushing, the must was fermented on skins with daily pumpovers to extract rich colour and enhance texture. At the conclusion of ferment, the wine was then put into French Oak barrels to further develop and mature. Final barrel selection was then conducted, before being blended and bottled.

#### 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 a 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.

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

BLEND:	Shiraz
BOTTLING DATE:	01/2023
PH:	3.49
TA:	6.3 g/l
ALC/VOL:	14.2%
STANDARD DRINKS:	8.4



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