



# PEPPER TREE

## VARIETAL RANGE 2022 Cool Climates Chardonnay

Blended from our estate vineyards in Wrattenbully and Orange, this wine displays lifted aromas of peach and white flowers. A generous, complex palate packed with stone fruits and brown spice notes balanced with a crunchy, refined acid line providing a long refined finish.

### VINTAGE

**WRATTENBULLY:** Wrattenbully experienced a cool vintage which led to slow balanced ripening. The cool weather allowed for complete flavour ripening by time sugar ripeness was achieved. This produced great balance across all varieties and exceptional colour and flavour depth in all red varieties whilst the whites have beautiful floral characteristics and natural balanced acidity.

**ORANGE:** The 2022 growing season started out promising with lots of sunshine and perfect ripening days however Mother Nature came to play just before the fruit needed to be picked causing a little concern but testament to the hard working vineyard crew that the fruit was able to be picked in great condition with lovely natural acidity and good primary fruit intensity.

### APPELLATION/ GI

Wrattenbully (South Australia) 50%

Orange (New South Wales) 50%

### WINEMAKING

Individual blocks were harvested separately and were pressed on arrival to the winery. The resulting juice was cold settled and racked off solids before being inoculated for ferment. Once inoculated the juice was put to French oak puncheons to finish ferment. Left on yeast lees for 8 months, the resulting wines were then blended and prepared for bottling.

### VINEYARD

**WRATTENBULLY:** 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.

**ORANGE:** The Orange region is favoured for its high altitude cool climate. Situated approximately 270 km west of Sydney the topography and soils of the region are dominated by the extinct volcano Mt Canobolas. 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:	Chardonnay (100%)
BOTTLING DATE:	11/2022
PH:	3.13
TA:	7.1 g/l
ALC/VOL:	13.3%
STANDARD DRINKS:	7.9



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