



PEPPER TREE

LIMITED RELEASE 2018 HUNTER VALLEY VERMENTINO

Displaying fresh honeydew and orange blossom on the nose, with an unctuous and textural mid-palate and a lingering mineral finish. The perfect food wine, drinking well now and over the medium term.

Head Winemaker, Gwyn Olsen

VINTAGE

The 2018 vintage followed another drought year with almost no rain between November and February. As a result there was no disease pressure and all varieties were harvested in very good condition. Although day time temperatures were warm to hot there were many cool nights which preserved natural acidity and enhanced flavours. White varieties retained some delicate floral notes and have produced quite elegant wines. Shiraz ripened with very fine tannin structures and the quality of resulting wines may even exceed the excellent 2017 vintage.

VINEYARD

Pepper Tree's Hunter Valley vineyard is in the Mount View area of the Lower Hunter Valley in the sheltered foothills of the Brokenback Range and covers 38.5 ha of plantings. The area boasts highly favourable soils influenced by the large proportion of limestone in the underlying rocks. Alluvial loams along the vineyard's creek flats are ideal soils for Semillon and Verdelho.

APPELLATION/ GI

Hunter Valley (New South Wales) 100%.

WINEMAKING

Machine harvested in the cool of the night the fruit was then crushed and pressed and left on skins for one week. Once the clear juice had settled, it was racked and inoculated with an aromatic yeast strain and fermented cool. Once ferment was finished the wine remained on lees for eight months before being prepared for bottling.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

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| BLEND: | Vermentino (100%) |
| BOTTLING DATE: | 10/2018 |
| PH: | 3.0 |
| TA: | 6.9 g/l |
| ALC/VOL: | 13.0% |
| STANDARD DRINKS: | 7.7 |



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