



# PEPPER TREE

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## LIMITED RELEASE 2017 'CLAUDE' HUNTER VALLEY SHIRAZ

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*Our Limited Release 'CLAUDE' Shiraz comes from the Claude Ferraris vineyard on Hermitage Road in Pokolbin of the lower Hunter Valley.*

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Displaying intense dark fruit notes of black cherries and mulberry, the palate is complex and textural. The robust tannin structure provides a layered, dense mid palate of juicy fruit, structure and continuing length. This classic Hunter Valley Shiraz will improve for many years.

Head Winemaker, Gwyn Olsen

### VINTAGE

Budburst for the 2017 Hunter vintage occurred well into September following a cold wet August. Good early season growing conditions led to a good flowering and light to moderate crops. As the season progressed the weather turned hot throughout January and early February, with 13 days over 40 degrees. Our vineyard manager did an amazing job to maintain canopies and ripen all varieties with very little heat stress. White varieties maintained good acidity against the odds and good to very good wines were produced. All our reds were picked before the worst of the heat and with almost no rain the quality was excellent with great flavour and balance. They may rival the 2014 reds.

### VINEYARD

Our Limited Release 'Claude' Shiraz comes from the Claude Ferraris vineyard on Hermitage Road, in Pokolbin, Hunter Valley.

The vineyard soils consist largely of red brown sandy clay loams over weathered sandstone. These produce moderate canopy vigour and small to moderate crops of well balanced Shiraz fruit with good intensity of flavour.

### APELLATION/ GI

Hunter Valley (New South Wales) 100%,  
Claude Ferraris Vineyard - Hermitage Road

### WINEMAKING

Picked at optimal flavour ripeness before being destemmed into a static fermenter. Fermented for around 9 days before being pressed off and racked to barrel. Matured in selected French puncheons for 14 months prior to bottling.

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

BLEND:	Shiraz (100%)
BOTTLING DATE:	07/2018
PH:	3.47
TA:	6.7g/l
ALC/VOL:	14.4%
STANDARD DRINKS:	8.5

### AWARDS



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