



PEPPER TREE

LIMITED RELEASE

'VENATOR' 2018 Hunter Valley Shiraz

Venator - the Latin word for a HUNTER - is an apt way to describe this wine. Sourced from our best blocks of sub-regions across the Hunter Valley, this wine is a great representation of the region. Medium bodied with bright red fruit, savoury spice and violet notes, the fruit is balanced with fine layered tannins. A wine of great texture and elegance..

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 Mount View area contains 3 small protected subvalleys with highly favourable soils influenced by the large proportion of limestones in the underlying rocks. Terra Rossa clays over crumbly limestone and free draining red and brown clay loams cover hill slopes and are planted to red varieties as well as Chardonnay. Alluvial loams along the vineyard's creek flats are ideal soils for Semillon and Verdelho.

APPELLATION / GI

Hunter Valley (New South Wales) 100%

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:	06/2019
PH:	3.48
TA:	6.7 g/l
ALC/VOL:	13.8%
STANDARD DRINKS:	8.2



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