



# PEPPER TREE

## LIMITED RELEASE

### 'VENATOR' 2019 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

2019 was another exceptional vintage in the Hunter Valley. The growing season was very dry following on from the previous two drought vintages in the valley. The dry conditions saw optimal ripening for both whites and reds without any extreme heat. The resulting whites are fresh and concentrated with good mid palate fruit weight. The reds are stand-outs with concentrated fruit flavours, perfectly ripe tannins and finely balanced acidity.

2019 will be a vintage talked about for many years to come.

#### 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:	12/2021
PH:	3.54
TA:	6.2 g/l
ALC/VOL:	13.9%
STANDARD DRINKS:	8.2



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