



PEPPER TREE

'STONE MOUNTAIN'

SINGLE VINEYARD 2019 Orange Riesling

Our Orange vineyard is situated on the volcanic slopes of Mt Canobolas in the Orange region. Grown at an altitude of 800 metres, our Riesling is a dry aromatic style with a perfumed nose of orange blossoms. The palate displays intense juicy citrus characters and a long refined finish. Enjoy this wine now or cellar for further complexity.

Head Winemaker, Gwyn Olsen

VINTAGE

The high altitude of our Orange vineyard on the slopes of Mt Canobolas saved us from the worst of the hot dry conditions that prevailed throughout NSW in early 2019.

After a very cold winter the weather quickly warmed up and the summer was quite hot and dry by Orange standards. Several fortuitous rain events localised around Mt Canobolas helped our dam and bore supplies to give us enough moisture to produce 'normal' crop levels and canopies throughout the growing season.

Due to the overall dry conditions all fruit was picked in good, disease free condition. Some outstanding parcels of Chardonnay and Riesling were picked and Sauvignon Blanc was solid. Pinot Noir ripened well with good flavour and acid. Some excellent Shiraz and Cabernet parcels were also picked later in the season.

Overall a good to very good vintage.

APPELLATION / GI

Orange (New South Wales) 100%

WINEMAKING

The fruit was hand picked at first light and then whole bunch pressed and settled bright before being inoculated for ferment. The resulting wine was then settled, lightly fined and prepared for bottling.

VINEYARD

The Orange region of New South Wales is one of Australia's newest premium regions being favoured for its high altitude cool climate. Situated approximately 270 km west of Sydney the topography and soils of the Orange region are dominated by the extinct volcano Mt Canobolas. The present day peak of the mountain is at 1400m and vineyards in the region are planted at elevations as high as 1100m with the lowest elevations in the region being 600m.

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:	Riesling (100%)
BOTTLING DATE:	08/2019
BOTTLE NUMBER RANGE:	1 - 2915
PH:	2.93
TA:	7.1 g/l
ALC/VOL:	11.5%
STANDARD DRINKS:	6.6



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