



PEPPER TREE

‘CLAUDE’

SINGLE VINEYARD
2018 Hunter Valley Shiraz

Our Single Vineyard ‘CLAUDE’ Shiraz comes from the Claude Ferraris vineyard on Hermitage Road in Pokolbin of the lower Hunter Valley.

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

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

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.

APPELLATION / 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:	06/2019
BOTTLE NUMBER RANGE:	1 - 2550
PH:	3.50
TA:	6.6 g/l
ALC/VOL:	14.4
STANDARD DRINKS:	8.5



2021 HALLIDAY WINE COMPANION

Machine harvested, fermented as whole berries then into French oak (25% new), for 14 months. It feels svelte, it's well balanced and well fruited. Oak has been seductively applied and the finish is satisfying. We're in classy territory here.

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