



PEPPER TREE

LIMITED RELEASE

2019 Orange Shiraz

Our 2019 Shiraz is a showcase of changing wine style and superb vintage conditions. Whole bunch fermented, this wine is intensely fragrant and structured. Bright cassis and violets on the nose provide an evocative look into a complex palate of red and blue fruits, dark spice notes and a refined acid length. This wine was fun to make and we hope you enjoy it.

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 block was hand picked in the cool of the morning and transported to the winery. Fermented in an open fermenter with 30% whole bunch included. Once ferment was finished the wine was pressed off skins to French oak puncheons (20% new) for 11 months maturation before being blended and prepared for bottling.

VINEYARD

The Orange region is favoured for its high altitude cool climate. Situated approximately 270 km west of Sydney the topography and soils of the region are dominated by the extinct volcano Mt Canobolas. 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:	Shiraz (100%)
BOTTLING DATE:	09/2020
PH:	3.56
TA:	6.5 g/l
ALC/VOL:	13.8%
STANDARD DRINKS:	8.2



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