



# PEPPER TREE

## TALLAWANTA GRAND RESERVE 2011 HUNTER VALLEY SHIRAZ

The best Hunter Shiraz comes from old vines grown on the renowned red clay soils on the foothills of the Brokenback Range. The Tallawanta vineyard was planted in 1920 by the Elliot family and to this day produces some of the Hunter's best Shiraz. Now under the care of Pepper Tree, these 90 year old vines produce tiny quantities of intensely flavoured fruit.

Medium bodied in style with an unmatched ability to age in the bottle, this 2011 vintage is a wine of great purity, length and longevity - a true Hunter classic.

Winemaker Jim Chatto

### VINTAGE

Our Hunter harvest started later than usual (27th January) but back to normal in historical terms. After a mild and wet spring and early summer things dried up. The cooler than normal weather patterns have helped the fruit retain good natural acidity ensuring great balance and length of flavour. Good rainfall throughout last year has allowed the vines to return to normal cropping levels (after the minuscule crops of 2010). Overall a very good harvest from the Hunter Valley.

### VINEYARD

Tallawanta Vineyard is based at the foothills of the Brokenback Range in the Hunter Valley between Hunter Valley Gardens and Harrigan's Irish Pub on Broke Rd, Pokolbin. This was one of the jewels in the crown of the Elliott family-owned wine company and was acquired by the Roche group when it bought the former Hungerford Hill Wine Village site. The vineyard is now leased by Pepper Tree for a 10 year term with the option to renew at the end of that period.

### APPELLATION/ GI

Hunter Valley (NSW) 100%

### AWARDS



#### 4 Trophies & Gold

Hunter Valley Wine Show 2014  
(Class 24)

DRAYTON FAMILY TROPHY  
(Best Named Vineyard Red Wine)

JAMES BUSBY MEMORIAL TROPHY  
(Best Mature 3 Year Old & Older Shiraz)

HECTOR TULLOCH MEMORIAL TROPHY  
(Best Shiraz)

DOUG SEABROOK MEMORIAL TROPHY  
(Best Red Wine of Show)



**GOLD** (Class 13) - Hunter Valley Wine Show 2013



**TROPHY & GOLD** (Class 30)

Hunter Valley Wine Show 2015

JAMES BUSBY MEMORIAL TROPHY

(Best Mature 3 Year Old & Older Shiraz)



#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

BLEND: Shiraz (100%)

BOTTLING DATE: 7/2012

PH: 3.51

TA: 6.8 g/l

ALC/VOL: 14.0%

STANDARD DRINKS: 8.3



**JAMES HALLIDAY - 92 POINTS**  
AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION WEBSITE

Excellent colour. Excellent intensity in the context of the Hunter Valley style. Flavours of plum, cherry, five spice and mineral earth. Oak gives the wine's texture a creaminess without adding much in the way of flavour; not a bad thing. The finish is satisfying but not extravagantly long. Solid medium-weight wine. Drink to 2024.

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