



# PEPPER TREE

( PREMIUM SHIRAZ - PLATINUM RANGE )

2013 'COQUUN' Hunter Valley Shiraz

*The inspiration for the name "Coquun" came from the Aboriginal Dreaming, when the Hunter River (Valley) was referred to as 'the Coquun' by its first inhabitants, the Wonnaurua ('people of the hills and plains'). It is believed that the Wonnaurua have occupied the Hunter for at least 30,000 years.*

Concentrated aromas of mulberry and blackberry, complexed by spice notes and well integrated savoury oak. A fruit driven Shiraz displaying sweet berry fruits balanced by fine tannins and subtle oak complexity providing a classically elegant finish.

## VINTAGE

A dry winter and early spring was followed with good rains early in the growing season. Crop levels were low and bursts of hot dry weather led to early ripening of whites. Warm dry weather in early February 2013 saw most of the Shiraz harvested at good sugar levels with nice flavour balance. Very good vintage.

## VINEYARD

Our Coquun (Hunter River) Shiraz is produced from the famous 'Tallawanta' Vineyard planted in 1920. These 90 year old vines produce tiny quantities of intensely flavoured fruit.

Tallawanta Vineyard, between Hunter Valley Gardens and Harrigan's Irish Pub, in Broke Road, Pokolbin formerly owned by the Elliott family was at the time leased to Pepper Tree Wines from the then owners, the Roche family.

Continuously creating outstanding fruit each year, the vines are dry land grown, thus ensuring low yields and high quality fruit. The vineyard soil is quite typical of the Hunter Valley with a mixture of sandy loam and red volcanic clay.

## APPELLATION/ GI

Hunter Valley (New South Wales) 100%

## WINEMAKING

Fermented on skins at 18 - 20 Degrees for 7 days. Matured in selected French oak for 18 months prior to blending and bottling.

## AWARDS

SILVER- Shanghai International Wine Challenge 2017

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

BLEND:	Shiraz (100%)
BOTTLING DATE:	07/2014
pH:	3.35
TA:	6.7g/l
ALC/VOL:	14.5%
STANDARD DRINKS:	8.6

## REVIEWS

### 98 POINTS - James Halliday

The WEEKEND AUSTRALIAN - 18 MAR 2023

Ex Tallawanta Vineyard. Five-day cold soak then warmed for inoculation with cultured yeast; matured for 18 months in French puncheons (40% new). Lovely shiraz; gloriously complex and textured, ripe tannins.

Drink to 2053

### 97 POINTS - James Halliday

2016 HALLIDAY WINE COMPANION

The Tallawanta Vineyard vines are over 90yo, planted in '20, and for long owned by the Elliott family. It's hard to visualise - unless you taste it, of course - how such intensity, purity and length can be achieved by a wine that has such finesse and elegance to its well of blackberry, black cherry and spice fruit, tannins and oak judged to perfection.

### 97 POINTS - GOURMET TRAVELLER WINE

FEBRUARY / MARCH 20

From the Tallawanta Vineyard, but more elegant than the Tallawanta label. The aromas are raspberry, spices, cherry and dried herbs, while the palate is intense and lively with great drive and length. There are hints of violets and smoke.

