



# PEPPER TREE

## 'STONE MOUNTAIN'

### SINGLE VINEYARD 2023 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 blossom and ginger spice that leads into a palate framed with citrus zest and a long refined finish. Enjoy in its fragrance now or cellar for further complexity.

#### VINTAGE

The 2023 Orange harvest was preceded by a reasonably cool winter with consistent rainfall. Following budburst and leading into summer, the growing conditions were largely favourable – steady diurnal warmth with very few days of excessive heat. Grape maturation did slow down as the season progressed and conditions cooled, and a late storm event did not affect yields and our estate vineyard managed to escape rather unscathed. Our fruit was able to reach optimal ripeness while maintaining structured acidity with Riesling, Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in particular showing fantastic results.

#### APPELLATION / GI

Orange (New South Wales) 100%

#### WINEMAKING

Hand-picked in the cool of the night, only the highest quality fruit was selected for our Stone Mountain Riesling. Immediately after picking and sorting, the fruit was gently pressed off as whole bunches, with the juice then cold-settled for 24 hours. Once settled, the juice was inoculated with a cultured yeast strain specially selected to help produce a Riesling with bright and vibrant aromatics. After a slow, cool fermentation, the wine was then gently fined and bottled.

#### 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:	07/2023
BOTTLE NUMBER RANGE:	1 - 4200
PH:	3.08
TA:	8.6 g/l
ALC/VOL:	11.7%
STANDARD DRINKS:	6.9



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