



PEPPER TREE

LIMITED RELEASE

2021 Orange Shiraz

Our 2021 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.

VINTAGE

Orange experienced damp cool conditions in Spring and early Summer leading to favourable slow ripening conditions for whites such as Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc. This also applied to Riesling which was the star of the vintage. Pinot Noir ripened slowly and produced some very good parcels. Shiraz and Cabernet were picked late in the season with good colour and acid balance and look to have a promising future.

The overall assessment of the Orange 2021 vintage was that it was a cool late ripening vintage which gave wines of great balance and flavour with good ageing potential.

APPELLATION / GI

Orange (New South Wales)

WINEMAKING

This block was hand picked in the cool of the morning and sorted in the vineyard prior to arriving at the winery. The fruit was destemmed and fermented in an open fermenter, about 30% of fruit remaining as whole-bunch. Once ferment was complete, the wine was pressed off skins directly to French oak puncheons. Following maturation, final barrel selection and blending took place, where the wine was then 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
BOTTLING DATE:	05/2023
PH:	3.78
TA:	5.7 g/l
ALC/VOL:	14.1%
STANDARD DRINKS:	8.3



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