



PEPPER TREE

LIMITED RELEASE

'VENATOR' 2022 Hunter Valley Shiraz

Venator - the Latin word for HUNTER - is an apt way to describe this wine. Sourced from our best blocks of sub-regions across the Hunter Valley, this wine is a great representation of the region. Medium bodied with bright red fruit, savoury spice and violet notes, the fruit is balanced with fine layered tannins. A wine of great texture and elegance.

VINTAGE

2022 was a difficult vintage in the Hunter Valley, with over 800mm of rain falling in the growing season. This meant a lot of pressure was on our vineyard manager to manage disease pressure, and patience from the winemaking team to wait for the little windows of opportunity to open. The classic high quality blocks managed to produce good fruit and we have seen some exceptional fruit displayed in Semillon and our early ripening shiraz blocks. These are bright and fresh, coupled with a natural acidity that is not often seen in the Hunter Valley, making an exciting drinking space for 2022 Hunter Valley Wines.

VINEYARD

Pepper Tree's Hunter Valley vineyard is in the Mount View area of the Lower Hunter Valley in the sheltered foothills of the Brokenback Range and covers 38.5 ha of plantings. The Mount View area contains 3 small protected subvalleys with highly favourable soils influenced by the large proportion of limestones in the underlying rocks. Terra Rossa clays over crumbly limestone and free draining red and brown clay loams cover hill slopes and are planted to red varieties as well as Chardonnay. Alluvial loams along the vineyard's creek flats are ideal soils for Semillon and Verdelho.

APPELLATION / GI

Hunter Valley (New South Wales) 100%

WINEMAKING

Picked at optimal flavour ripeness before being destemmed into a static fermenter. Fermented for around 9 days before being pressed off and racked to barrel. Matured in selected French puncheons for 14 months prior to bottling.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

BLEND:	Shiraz (100%)
BOTTLING DATE:	09/2023
PH:	3.65
TA:	6.4 g/l
ALC/VOL:	13.1%
STANDARD DRINKS:	7.8



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