



PEPPER TREE

LIMITED RELEASE

‘VENATOR’
2023 Hunter Valley Semillon

Venator - the Latin word for HUNTER. Pure Semillon aromas of fresh lemon and lime cordial articulate this classic Hunter Semillon. The palate is intense yet elegant and crisp, displaying mineral texture with great line and length. A wine of great drive and finesse. Enjoy now or confidently cellar to capture aged complexity.

VINTAGE

Harvest 2023 was one of the more demanding seasons in recent times for the Hunter Valley. A considerably wet winter and cooler conditions posed challenges, however with diligent vineyard management and foresight, the cooler conditions allowed us to produce wines of definition and structure, while maintaining the typical elegance of Hunter Valley wines. While crops were down, we were rewarded with outstanding fruit quality; structured and balanced whites, and fruit-forward, perfumed reds. Semillon and Shiraz really shone in the 2023 vintage.

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 area boasts highly favourable soils influenced by the large proportion of limestone in the underlying rocks. Alluvial loams along the vineyard's creek flats are ideal soils for Semillon and Verdelho.

APPELLATION / GI

Hunter Valley (New South Wales) 100%,

WINEMAKING

Hand picked and delivered to the winery, the fruit was then chilled and pressed into tank for cold settling. The clear juice was racked off and inoculated with a selected yeast strain and fermented cool. Once dry, the wine was left on yeast lees for five months before being prepared for bottling.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

BLEND:	Semillon (100%)
BOTTLING DATE:	07/2023
PH:	3.01
TA:	6.4 g/l
ALC/VOL:	11.5%
STANDARD DRINKS:	6.8



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