



# PEPPER TREE

LIMITED RELEASE

2023 Orange Sauvignon Blanc

Displaying vibrant aromas of passionfruit and gooseberry with lifted citrus on the nose. A lively and expressive cool climate Sauvignon Blanc showing great varietal character combined with a fine balance, providing a crisp clean finish.

## 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.

## 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.

## APPELLATION / GI

Orange (New South Wales) 100%,

## WINEMAKING

Machine harvested in the cool of the night the fruit was then crushed and pressed. Once the clear juice had settled, it was racked and inoculated with an aromatic yeast strain and fermented cool. Once ferment was finished the wine remained briefly on lees before being prepared for bottling.

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

BLEND:	Sauvignon Blanc (100%)
BOTTLING DATE:	08/2023
PH:	3.44
TA:	6.3 g/l
ALC/VOL:	11.5%
STANDARD DRINKS:	6.8



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