

Briar Ridge



Limited Release
2017 Hunter Valley Merlot

VINTAGE

The 2017 Hunter vintage was characterised by hot and dry conditions meaning the vineyard management including watering was paramount but the well-maintained canopies allowed the fruit to ripen beautifully without exceptional sun exposure. Whites are vibrant and fruit driven producing clean crisp wines with intensity and flavour. Our reds were picked before the worst of the heat and with almost no rain the quality was excellent with great flavour and balance.

VINEYARD

Our Merlot comes from the Old Homestead Block on our estate grown Mt View Vineyard. A hillside, eastern facing block allows the Merlot to ripen well and develop the beautiful rich plum notes and intense colour and tannin profile.

WINEMAKING

This Merlot was machine picked at night. The grapes were then de-stemmed through the must chiller into a small open fermenter. The ferment was plunged twice a day and the resulting wine was pressed off skins into French oak barrels. This Merlot was matured in a mixture of new and old oak before being blended into tank, filtered and bottled.

TASTING NOTES

This estate grown Hunter Valley Merlot is a rich and juicy wine. Medium bodied and full of plums and blackberry notes, this supple delicious Merlot is a great wine to enjoy now.

CELLARING

Drink now or cellar for up to five years.

ALC/VOL: 14.0% | STD DRINKS: 8.3 | BOTTLED: September 2020
pH: 3.41 | TA: 7.0 g/l



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