

# Briar Ridge



Limited Release

## 2019 Members Blend CABERNET | MERLOT | PETIT VERDOT

### VINTAGE

HUNTER VALLEY - Vintage 2019 was an excellent year for the Hunter Valley. Another extremely dry year saw ideal ripening for both whites and reds without any extreme heat. The resulting wines are fresh and concentrated with good mid palate fruit weight. Will be a vintage spoken about for many years to come.

WRATTONBULLY - Despite some brushes with frost, 2019 turned out to be an excellent vintage. Cool early season conditions led to low yields in Cabernet Sauvignon. Hot weather in January and February had little impact on our vineyard and by the time ripening was underway in March, conditions had cooled considerably leading to one of the longest ripening seasons for many years.

### VINEYARD

HUNTER VALLEY - The grapes for this wine come from a northern facing slope on the Mount View vineyard. Extremely low cropping, this block gets the best of both the morning and afternoon sun allowing a long, even ripening to yield high colour, high tannin and high fruit intensity.

WRATTONBULLY - Grown on well-drained fertile red clays over limestone located in the region of Wratttonbully, S.A. The vineyard has drip irrigation installed on each vine row to ensure vine health and consistency of quality. The crop yields are relatively low, producing excellent concentration of fruit flavour.

### WINEMAKING

The individual parcels were picked when ripe and destemmed and cooled for a three day cold soak. The fruit was then inoculated for alcoholic fermentation in static fermenters and fermented for two weeks with three pump-overs each day. Once fermentation was finished, the wines were pressed off skins to another stainless steel vessel for malolactic fermentation. Malolactic fermentation was completed shortly after the alcoholic fermentation and the wine was racked into small oak vessels. The final parcels were blended and prepared for bottling following our Members Blending session as per the winning blend.

### TASTING NOTES

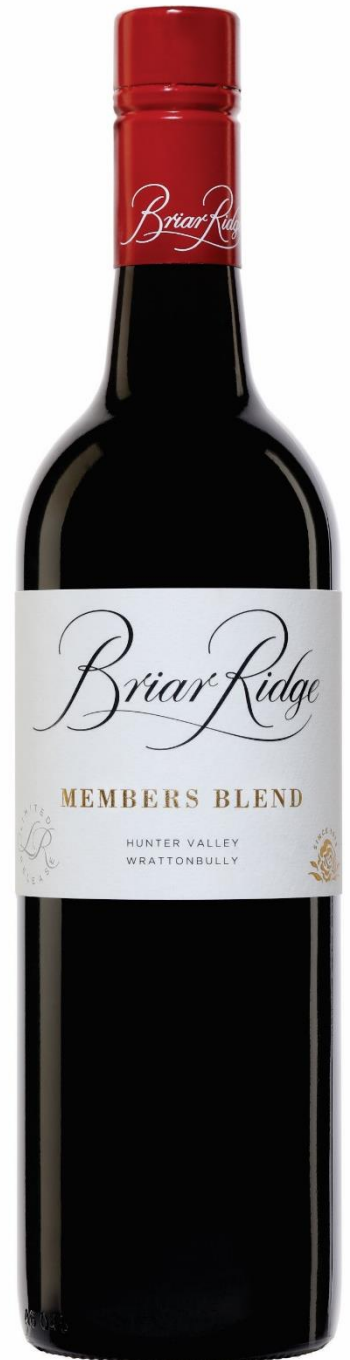
This Members Blend was the winning wine created by team 'Small Blessings' at the annual blending session. Skilfully made by Julie Little, Margaret and Vincent Parish, the final wine was tweaked by Alex and Gwyn before being prepared for bottling.

### CELLARING

Crafted from some of our best blocks off our estate owned vineyards in the Hunter Valley and Wratttonbully, this delicious wine is made for drinking now or short term cellaring.

ALC VOL: 14.0% | STD DRINKS: 8.3 | BOTTLED: April 2021

pH: 3.54 | TA: 6.5



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