

Briar Ridge



Limited Release

2021 'H.R.B' Shiraz Pinot Noir

VINTAGE

2021 began with an unusually cool weather pattern as a result of a 'La Niña' influence. Luckily a break of classic warm days and cool nights in early January led to exceptional flavour development with natural acidity retention resulting in a strong suite of whites. More moderate weather for the remainder of the growing season has led to reds of elegance and lovely floral lift.

VINEYARD

The Shiraz (86%) for this blend has been sourced from our premium Dairy Hill block which provides concentrated, classic medium body Hunter Shiraz. The Pinot Noir (14%) is sourced from a vineyard on Hermitage Road, Hunter Valley. The crop yields are relatively low, producing excellent concentration of fruit flavour.

WINEMAKING

The HRB has been crafted in a way that pays homage to the great pioneering wine style of the Hunter Valley, the 'Hunter River Burgundy'. Made from Shiraz and Pinot Noir sourced off premium vineyards, this wine is intended to showcase the rich history of the Hunter using modern day winemaking techniques. The resultant wine is a balanced blend displaying elegance and perfume, alongside a classic Hunter tannin structure with bright acidity.

The Shiraz was picked at the optimal ripeness, de-stemmed/crushed into the fermenter and fermented with an ambient yeast strain used to enhance the vineyard derived primary fruit characters. The Pinot Noir was fermented via carbonic maceration. Once fermentation was finished, the Shiraz was pressed off skins and racked to 60% old oak and 40% new oak.

The Pinot Noir block was de-stemmed into the open top fermenter. The Pinot Noir was fermented using indigenous yeast and carefully temperature monitored to capture the delicate Pinot Noir floral notes. Once fermentation was complete, the Pinot Noir was pressed off skins and racked to old oak puncheons/barriques. The wine was blended after 15 months maturation in oak and gently fined and filtered before being sent to bottle.

TASTING NOTES

The nose is perfumed floral notes of cassis and dark cherry notes. The palate is a finely balanced blend of dark cherry, cassis and spice notes. Elegant, medium bodied with silky tannins and a bright acid structure. This wine is intended to showcase the rich history of the Hunter Valley using modern day winemaking techniques. The result is a balanced blend displaying elegance and perfume.

ALC/VOL: 12.5% | STD DRINKS: 7.4 | BOTTLED: January 2022

pH: 3.64 | TA: 6.1 g/l



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