

Briar Ridge



Signature Range

2019 'STOCKHAUSEN' Shiraz

VINTAGE

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 reds are standouts with concentrated fruit flavours, perfectly ripe tannins and finely balanced acidity. 2019 will be a vintage spoken about for many years to come.

VINEYARD

Our Shiraz is grown on well-drained sandy loam soils located in the Mount View region of the Hunter Valley. 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

This Stockhausen Shiraz is a blend of different blocks from the Mount View Vineyard including the Dairy Hill block and the Red Hill block, which sit on slopes facing each other either side of the vineyard. The blocks were picked at optimal ripeness and de-stemmed into open fermenters in the winery. The fruit was fermented with specific yeast strains to promote fruit flavour and vineyard block expression. Once fermentation had finished, were racked off yeast and malolactic lees to large format French oak with around 35% new oak filled. The wine remained in oak for 12 months before the individual barrels were selected and the wine blended into tank. Light fining and filtration took place before the wines were bottled.

TASTING NOTES

Created in the traditional style that has made the Hunter Valley famous, the grapes sourced from Mount View are from low yielding vines. Displaying vibrant deep crimson colour with lifted bouquet of savoury spice, the palate is full and supple with excellent fruit and fine tannins building great length.

CELLARING

This wine is drinking well now, but will continue to age gracefully to provide seamless drinking in the medium term.

ALC VOL: 13.8% | STD DRINKS: 8.2 | BOTTLED: April 2020

pH: 3.64 | TA: 6.2 g/l



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