

Briar Ridge



Signature Range

2021 'STOCKHAUSEN' Semillon

Crafted as a tribute to legendary Hunter winemaker, Karl Stockhausen, this range honours both his invaluable contribution to the success of Briar Ridge and also to the success of the Hunter Valley wine industry. Passionate and ever dedicated, Karl Stockhausen is engrained in the Hunter terroir.

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

Our Semillon is grown on well-drained sandy loam soils located in the heart of Hunter Valley wine country NSW. 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

After whole bunch pressing the must was chilled to 8°C. The free run juice was kept separate from the pressings juice, then cold settled. Once settled the clear juice was racked and inoculated with a selected white wine yeast and fermented at 12-15°C for 15 days. At the completion of the alcoholic fermentation the wine was matured on yeast lees for 4 months before being stabilised, fined and filtered for bottling.

TASTING NOTES

The Stockhausen Semillon has been created in the traditional style that has made the Hunter Valley famous. This 2021 Semillon was harvested specifically to capture the crisp citrus flavours with refreshing acidity. The wine displays a bright lemon blossom bouquet with lingering lime characters on the palate. The finish is refined and persistent.

CELLARING

Excellent drinking while young or will gain complexity with careful cellaring up to ten years.

ALC VOL: 11.5% | STD DRINKS: 6.8 | BOTTLED: May 2021

pH: 3.38 | TA: 6.3 g/l



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