

# Briar Ridge



Signature Range

## 2021 'STOCKHAUSEN' Shiraz

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 Shiraz is grown on well-drained Terra Rossa over limestone 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 destemmed into open fermenters in the winery. The fruit was fermented with ambient yeast to promote fruit flavour and vineyard block expression. Once fermentation had finished, were racked off yeast and malolactic lees to large format older French oak casks. The wine remained in oak for 10 months before the individual barrels were selected and the wine blended into tank. 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 ruby purple colour with lifted bouquet of savoury spice, the palate is full and supple with concentrated red berry fruits framed by super fine tannins building a long linear finish.

### CELLARING

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

ALC VOL: 12.8% | STD DRINKS: 7.6 | BOTTLED: January 2022

pH: 3.56 | TA: 6.8 g/l



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