

# Briar Ridge



Limited Release

## 2017 'H.R.B' Shiraz Pinot Noir

### VINTAGE

The 2017 Hunter vintage was characterised by hot and dry conditions meaning the vineyard management including watering was paramount but the well-maintained canopies allowed the fruit to ripen beautifully without exceptional sun exposure. Whites are vibrant and fruit driven producing clean crisp wines with intensity and flavour. Our reds were picked before the worst of the heat and with almost no rain the quality was excellent with great flavour and balance.

### VINEYARD

The Shiraz (52%) for this blend has been sourced from our premium Dairy Hill block which provides concentrated, classic medium body Hunter Shiraz. The Pinot Noir (48%) 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 two blocks were picked individually at the optimal ripeness, de-stemmed/crushed into the fermenter and fermented with a specific yeast strain used to enhance the vineyard derived primary fruit characters. Once fermentation was finished, the Shiraz was pressed off skins and racked to old 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 18 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 fine boned acid structure, this wine is made to intrigue and delight.

ALC/VOL: 13.0% | STD DRINKS: 7.7 | BOTTLED: November 2018



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