



Vat 1 Hunter Semillon (1999)

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Region	Hunter Valley
Range	Winemakers Selection
Grape	Semillon
Current Vintage	1999



Description

Arguably Australia's finest Semillon, Vat 1 epitomises the benefits of patient bottle ageing that transforms this unoaked wine into a masterpiece. Tyrrell's Vat 1 was first produced in 1963 from Semillon grapes grown on the Short Flat Vineyard across the road from Tyrrell's historic Pokolbin winery.

Tasting Notes

Mid green/gold in colour with the clean lifted "soapy " fruit aromas of the classic old style beginning to develop. The palate at this stage is still tightly structured with lemon citrus overtones and is just beginning to display toasty bottle aged complexity. The 1997 Vat 1 is presently ready for drinking but will continue to develop intensity and character until at least 2009.

Information

The fruit was crushed and then fined prior to a temperature controlled fermentation in stain- less steel tanks. After fermentation, the wine spent minimal time on fine yeast lees before being prepared for an early bottling to retain the vibrant fresh fruit characters. The next five years were then quietly spent in a temperature and humidity controlled cellaring facility at the winery before being released for sale in October 2002.