WINEMAKER'S SELECTION VAT 1 SEMILLON 2013

VINEYARD

Sourced from predominantly the Short Flat Vineyard, with a small percentage from neighbouring DeBeyers. These two iconic vineyards both sit alongside the same creek bed that runs through our property and both feature ideal sandy, well drained soils. Vines planted on their own roots and dry grown. The oldest material being planted in 1923.

VINTAGE

2013 was a tremendous Semillon vintage in the Hunter Valley. The growing season was uninterrupted with dry conditions into the new year which resulted in smaller crop levels. The week before harvest we had a large rain event followed by dry weather and wind which allowed the vines to get the grapes properly flavour-ripe. The best whites were made just after this rain.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The grapes were hand picked then, after a relatively cool fermentation, the wine spent minimal time on yeast lees before being bottled early to maintain its freshness. No oak fermentation or maturation.

TASTING NOTES

A fine Semillon vintage in the Hunter Valley. Lifted lime citrus aromas, the palate is seamless showing the typical powerful fruit core, which is balanced by the wine's texture and soft acid profile. The length and power of fruit on the palate is what sets the 2013 Vat 1 apart from the other recent vintages. A classic in the making, akin to the legendary 2005 and 2009 vintages.

Date Picked: 29-30 January 2013 Date Bottled: 11 July 2013

Alc 11.5% | pH 2.95 | TA 6.92 g/L