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HUNTER VALLEY

WINEMAKER'S RESERVE
2022 SEMILLON | HUNTER VALLEY

"The milder, cooler season, meant longer hanging fruit produced attractive lifted aromatics and wines of intensity. Our Chardonnay and Semillon are stellar, with pretty, lifted aromas and plenty of citrusy freshness!" – LIZ SILKMAN



ABOUT ...

Our Winemaker's Reserve range epitomises the sum of our experiences. Freedom of expression, attention to detail and creativity produce wines of balance, depth, complexity and structure.

Only in exceptional vintages, in tiny quantities, carefully selected parcels, showcase the traditional art of the blend, in our modern Hunter Valley style.

VINTAGE & VINEYARD

After a four-year drought, rain blessed the Hunter in February, presenting challenging conditions. Attentiveness in the vineyards rewarded us and was key to ensuring ripeness in our Semillon.

Harvested in the cool of the night from our favourite sites to retain the crispness and improve the complexity of the aromas of the Hunter Valley's aromatic darling.

WINEMAKING

Cool fermentation in stainless steel allows us more control over our style and helps retain the delicate aromatics and freshness our Semillon is known for.

TASTING NOTE

The best parcels from our 2022 vintage show the vibrant honeysuckle aromatics of our attractive Semillon.

Zesty lemon, lime and Italian white peach flavours are the precursors to the fine acid backbone and dry finish that is the hallmark of our Semillon style.

DRINK IT

Delicious now or be rewarded up to 2037.

DRINK IT WITH

Grilled scallops and pea puree are a must-try.

ALCOHOL

12.5%

ABOUT LIZ SILKMAN

Hunter Valley Legends '***Winemaker of the Year***' 2022, 2016, 2011
Top Place James Halliday '***Chardonnay Challenge***' 2015
Finalist Gourmet Traveller WINE '***Winemaker of the Year***' 2011
NSW Wine Awards '***Wine of the Year***' 2010
Finalist Wine Society '***Young Winemaker of the Year***' 2007
The Len Evans Tutorial '***DUX***' 2006

Winemaker's Reserve – Where old world tradition and new world modernity unite to curate our ultimate modern Australian expressions.

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5 STAR WINERY
2011-2022