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HUNTER VALLEY

WINEMAKER'S RESERVE

2021 SHIRAZ | HUNTER VALLEY

"We welcomed the rain, rolled up our sleeves and got amongst the vines to fully nurture them. We watched our Shiraz with eagle eyes in the vineyard to establish the perfect picking time, ensuring the fruit and acid profiles were perfectly balanced." – 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 barrels, showcase the traditional art of the blend, in our modern Hunter Valley style.

VINTAGE & VINEYARD

Rain featured during February, making us extra vigilant in the vineyards. Cooler than usual conditions delayed harvest, elevating the spice characters in our Shiraz, delivered on a balanced medium-body.

The relatively steep slopes of Marrowbone Vineyard, situated on free-draining clay-based loam, naturally self-regulate and have delivered an exceptional harvest to us again in 2021.

WINEMAKING

Our Shiraz is crushed and cold-soaked before fermentation to gently extract the vibrant, bright colour and complexity of flavours. Once pressed we transfer the wine to new and old French oak puncheons for about 9 months.

TASTING NOTE

Pretty violet florals, blueberries and delicate spices make this modern Australian Shiraz something of an attraction.

Plush red plum and blueberry flavours layer between subtle liquorice, spice and oak complexity. Fine supple tannins support the long, generous finish of this medium-bodied Shiraz.

DRINK IT

Delicious now or be rewarded up to 2031.

DRINK IT WITH

Delicious with slow-roasted lamb or grilled beef with green peppercorn sauce. Simple.

ALCOHOL

14.5%

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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