

SACRED SITES JOHNNO'S SEMILLON

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2017



Vineyard

Planted in 1908, the Johnno's Vineyard sits just below the winery at the base of the Brokenback range on the edge of a creek bed. It features light, sandy and well-drained soil, which is ideal for growing Semillon and is dry grown with no irrigation used.

Vintage Conditions The 2017 vintage was one of the best in recent memory and has produced wines of the highest quality. Solid rains in winter and spring meant the vines had constant access to water and warmer weather in the new year meant all the fruit was in near perfect condition and ripeness when harvested.

Winemaker's Notes The fruit was handpicked at dawn and sorted in the vineyard before being immediately basket pressed. Made in a different style to our other premium

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Semillons, the juice sees minimal clarification and is fermented at cooler temperatures with a higher level of solids.

Tasting Notes

Reminiscent of the Hunter Semillons of yesteryear, this is a more textual style of Semillon than Tyrrell's commonly make. Pale in colour, the nose is lifted with citrus fruits which leads into an intense citrus burst on the palate. Balance is found in the textural elements of the wine which is derived from the basket pressing and minimal juice clarification. It is these textural elements that really are the hallmark of this wine and gives it it's unique qualities.

Date Picked 27 January 2017 | **Date Bottled** 27 June 2017

Alc 10.3% | **pH** 2.95 | **TA** 6.55 g/L

THE STORY OF THE SACRED SITES RANGE

Tyrrell's has seven blocks over 100 years old, still producing and growing on their own roots; our Sacred Sites. They represent some of the rarest vines in the world. Their origins lie in the "Busby Collection", a selection of grapevine cuttings from Europe, brought to Australia by James Busby in 1832.

Johnno's vineyard was planted in 1908 on light, sandy soils at the edge of Mary Ann's creek on the southern boundary of the original property. Originally known as the Long Flat, it changed in 2002 to be named after fifth generation family member John Tyrrell.

