2023 'THE OBSESSIVE' SEMILLON



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THE COTTAGE VINEYARD HUNTER VALLEY

PICKED ON: 19th February 2023

Classically styled with crisp yet delicate citrus aromatics and a tightly structured palate of limes and mineral acid



Soil: free draining deep very fine talc-like sand

Oak: no oak treatment

Colour: pale green

Nose: lemon lime, talc and hints of orange blossom

Palate: lifted lemongrass, zest of lime and talc-like mineral

> tones. A lovely line of citrus acid right down the length of the palate finishing with characters of grapefruit

VINTAGE

The 2022-23 growing season saw a continuation of La Nina conditions, with above average rainfall throughout Winter and into Spring. This saw significant flooding throughout the Hunter Valley and the very wet soils resulted in a delayed budburst, and this later timing followed through to flowering and veraison. Above average rainfall continued throughout Spring, but the arrival of Summer saw conditions improve with much needed dry and sunny weather.

Vintage started late in very January, reminiscent of a traditional Hunter Vintage. Fruit quality was fantastic and we have some very exciting parcels of wine secured in the winery.

TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol: 10.4

pH: 2.98

T.A: 6.1 gm/L

Tasting: 17/10/2023

CELLARING

Drink now or over the next 8+ years

FOOD MATCHES

Raw Kingfish with Gazpacho Vinaigrette



The fruit for this wine is only sourced from our Cottage Vineyard grown on fine, almost talc like sands. The grapes were hand picked in the early hours of 20th February. Whole bunch pressed. Free-run juice was only used with an extraction of about 500 litres per tonne. The resulting juice was cold settled in stainless-steel tanks. Fermentation was inoculated with cultured yeast and kept at relatively cool temperature of 16°C to help retain the elegant fruit flavours. Once fermentation has completed we look to bottle the wine in 6 months.

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