



# PEPPER TREE

## LIMITED RELEASE 'HOME BLOCK' 2024 Hunter Valley Verdelho

Verdelho is a versatile variety, highly reflective of the terroir on which it is grown. Our Hunter Valley vineyard consistently produces Verdelho with expressive character and a fine balance. A fresh and vibrant palate abundant with mandarin, melon and guava is framed by hints of musk and subtle spice.

Winemaker, Nick Kruger

### VINTAGE

The Hunter Valley growing season was preceded by a notably dry winter, punctuated by two short hail events across the valley. These conditions did affect yields to some degree, with Semillon being one of the lower yielding varieties for the harvest. Despite the early challenges, summer growing conditions were largely favourable. Warm diurnal temperatures interspersed with timely patches of rainfall allowed for consistent ripening and relatively little disease pressure. While yields were overall lower than our ten-year average, the quality of the fruit was sensational across the board.

### VINEYARD

Pepper Tree's Hunter Valley vineyard is in the Mount View area of the Lower Hunter Valley in the sheltered foothills of the Brokenback Range and covers 38.5 ha of plantings. The area boasts highly favourable soils influenced by the large proportion of limestone in the underlying rocks. Alluvial loams along the vineyard's creek flats are ideal soils for Semillon and Verdelho.

### APPELLATION / GI

Hunter Valley (New South Wales) 100%,

### WINEMAKING

Machine harvested in the cool of the night the fruit was then crushed and pressed. Once the clear juice had settled, it was racked and inoculated with an aromatic yeast strain and fermented cool. Once ferment was finished the wine remained on lees for a couple of months before being prepared for bottling.

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

BLEND:	Verdelho
BOTTLING DATE:	06/2024
PH:	3.37
TA:	6.2 g/l
ALC/VOL:	12.5%
STANDARD DRINKS:	7.4



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