

# 2021 WHITE LABEL FORDWICH HILL SEMILLON

Hunter Valley Semillon is lean and racy in its youth but develops texture and complexity with age. It also will reflect the origins of where it is grown. This one is planted on the dolerite soils of the Fordwich Sill which leaves its footprint by way of a richer and softer wine with more palate weight in its youth, as opposed to Semillon grown on grey clay or alluvial soils.



## Growing Season

With much welcomed spring rain in 2020 we saw excellent canopy balance through all vineyards for our 2021 vintage. A mild summer allowed for excellent acid retention and a long ripening period resulting in elegant fruit character and seamless acid balance in white wines coming from 2021.

## Vineyard

These old vines were planted in the 1970's and produce low yielding and concentrated fruit. The vineyard is planted on red volcanic clay and faces east resulting in less sun exposure allowing for slower and more even ripening. The grapes were handpicked when just ripe to maintain high natural acidity and low potential alcohol.

## Winemaking

The fruit was handpicked early to maintain high natural acidity with a low alcohol. Once in the winery it was made using classical Hunter Valley Semillon techniques where the juice was highly clarified and fermented at cool temperatures using neutral cultured yeast to preserve delicate fruit flavours and aromas. It is bottled early to lock away freshness.

## Accolades

James Halliday 5 Star Winery 2009 - 2021

## Tasting Notes

Lemongrass and lime peel dominate the aromatics, the palate is light and full of fresh citrus. A vibrant acidity gives this wine line and length, a key characteristic that we look for when classifying our White Label Semillon.

## Wine Composition

pH		3.10
Titrateable Acidity	7.5 g/L	
Alcohol		11.7%
Residual Sugar		< 1g/L

## Vine Age

50 years

## Food Match

Kingfish sashimi with coriander, finger lime and preserved lemon

## Cellaring Potential

10 + years

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