

TYRRELL'S



2020 MUSEUM WHITE RELEASE

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A WORD FROM BRUCE TYRRELL

This year has given us a unique Private Bin release. As you may be aware, due to the bushfires of last summer, there was no premium vintage in 2020, and therefore there are no young Winemaker's Selections, Sacred Sites or Single Vineyard wines to offer you.

Over the years we have only ever bottled wines based on quality, not demand. This means we are in the fortunate position to have a full library of our white wines awaiting their mature release to the public. To replace the wines that were not made in 2020, we will be offering you a range of Winemaker's Selections, Sacred Sites and Single Vineyards from 2019 to 2011. These will be offered at the same price as the 2020 vintage would have been.

These will be officially released on 12 September and as a Private Bin member, we would like you to replace the wines on your current white standing order with the back vintage equivalent wine/s, or similar, from the list. As per any normal release you are welcome to order over and above your allocation.

This is a rare occasion that allows you to access multiple vintages of these wines at one time. Use this as an opportunity to replenish your cellar with your favourite past vintages, or try vintages you have not tasted before. I encourage you to have a good look at the list of what is available in this booklet. We will also offer mixed tasting packs if you cannot decide and a limited award winning dozen.

We tasted all of these wines in the last week of August to give you up-to-date tasting notes outlined in this booklet. It was an enjoyable tasting as it clearly showed the vineyard character of each wine through the various vintages. My favourite Semillons of the release, by vineyard, are 2016 Stevens Semillon; which you can drink now as it is showing great development, 2017 HVD Semillon; long soft full middle and back palate and a great fine finish, 2016 Belford Semillon; bright as a button, delicate and clean, and 2019 Vat 1; my notes said "*bloody great*" length, acid and balance, a great Vat 1. The tasting showed that all of the 2019s are drinking incredibly well now, but all have the ability to perform in the cellar.

These wines can be ordered in a variety of ways; via our website, email, or phone from 12 September. The quantities are limited and are on a first come, first served basis, so I strongly urge you to look closely at the list, and also remember that these aged wines are being offered to you at the same price as the 2020s would have been. We are delighted to offer you the opportunity to access both quality and extremely good value.

Regards,



Bruce Tyrrell, AM
Managing Director

OUR TOP PICKS

BRUCE

2019 Vat 1 Semillon

CHRIS

2019 Pokolbin Hills Semillon

SPIN

2018 Vat 1 Semillon

RICHO

2011 Stevens Semillon



VAT 1 SEMILLON \$50

- 2019 **96 Points** Jumps out of the glass, pitch perfect. Lifted floral, pretty and powerful, textbook Vat 1; it will live as long as you are willing to keep it. 102 points from Bruce Tyrrell. *10.5% Alc/Vol*
- 2018 **2 Gold | 95 Points** Glossy sheen in appearance, waxy aromas, restrained power and perfectly balanced. Palate line is as if it's on rails. *12.0% Alc/Vol*
- 2017 **1 Trophy, 3 Gold | 96+ Points** Chablis in style; fruit sweetness, incredible depth in flavour with a refined elegance that lingers, and lingers, and lingers... The next great Vat 1 in the league of other legendary vintages including 1998, 2005, and 2009. *11.5% Alc/Vol*
- 2016 **1 Gold | 95 Points** Generous, long, fresh and bright with a full middle palate. Still in its primary stage, keep for another three or four years and then get stuck into it. *11.0% Alc/Vol*



VAT 63 CHARDONNAY SEMILLON \$35

- 2019 **91 Points** Complex yeasty nose, rich, creamy Chardonnay fruit on the palate with a lively Semillon acid lift, giving length and dimension. *11.5% Alc/Vol*



JOHNNO'S SEMILLON \$50

- 2013 **94 Points | 94 Points** Youthful colour, still plenty of green. Ripe, bright Semillon citrus on the nose with a tiny hint of bottle age starting to emerge. The palate bursts with citrus flavours that are entwined with the textural elements that come from the solids fermentation. Lovely mineral, chalky finish with impeccable length. A long life ahead. *11.5% Alc/Vol*
- 2012 **93 Points** Cooler vintage characters on the nose, ginger and lemongrass. Intense and tight, long and delicate, youthful and bright. Ripe, generous mid-palate flavour. A long life in the cellar ahead. *10.5% Alc/Vol*



POKOLBIN HILLS SEMILLON \$25

- 2019 **2 Gold | 91 Points** Paraffin wax and sherbet aromatics, tight but powerful and rich. Soft yet intense middle palate, gentle acid finish, hints of strawberry. Appealing to drink now. Stylistically very similar to Vat 1 Semillon. *10.5% Alc/Vol*



STEVENS SEMILLON \$40

- 2011 **6 Trophies, 18 Gold | 94 Points** Pale, light yellow and green. Classic pure Semillon fruit of lemon and lime. Seamless mineralic line, with incredible length. Chalky, flint finish. Only now just showing its secondary characters. A wine for the ages. *11.0% Alc/Vol*

MUSEUM RELEASE VINTAGE CHART

White Wines	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2013	2012	2011
Stevens Semillon								
HVD Semillon								
Belford Semillon								
Pokolbin Hills Semillon								
Johnno's Semillon								
Vat 1 Semillon								
Vat 63 Chardonnay Semillon								
Vat 47 Chardonnay								
HVD Chardonnay								

KEY



A long life in the cellar ahead.
10 years +



Semi-mature.
Drinking well, but will continue to cellar
5 years +



Fully mature.
Drink now & enjoy.

Please use the Vintage Chart as a guide only. The variability of care and cellaring conditions, along with personal taste, make it impossible for Tyrrell's Vineyards Pty Ltd to guarantee when your wine has reached the peak of its development. Correct storage conditions will add to the cellaring of your wine.

We recommend a cool, dark, variation free environment.