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*Briar Ridge*

Spring  
Edition  
#95

# RED WINES INCLUDED IN #95



## 2022 Single Vineyard 'Hillrose' Shiraz

Deep ruby hued, this red is intensely perfumed and flavoured. This Shiraz reveals lovely concentrated blueberry & black cherry fruits and is framed by earth and graphite leading to the linear crisp acidity. Will further develop with 5 - 10 years age.

## 2022 Stockhausen Shiraz

Our Stockhausen wines are a nod to a bygone era here in the Hunter Valley and are crafted with the knowledge passed down from Hunter Valley Legend, Karl Stockhausen.

Colour, tannin and flavour was gently extracted during fermentation. The wine was then transferred into old oak puncheons to provide structure and balance.

Concentrated wild red berry fruits are highlighted in its youth which are framed by super fine tannin. This leads into a long linear finish that exhibits subtle oak spice.

## 2022 Limited Release Members' Blend

Blended at our 2023 Members' Blending Session by team "Try That" - Kirrily Foley, Jules Libro, Simon Crook, Graeme & Victoria Davies, John Healey, Nancy Andrews, Tom Healey and Jack Healey.

Deep ruby Garnet hue, with aromatic camphor, blackcurrant and cedar spice. The palate is concentrated with dense black berry fruits and a long herbal finish.



## 2019 Limited Release 'Cool Climates' Merlot

The 2022 Limited Release Cool Climates Merlot is a harmonious blend of grapes from our premium vineyards in South Australia. Medium-bodied with supple tannins, the wine offers ripe black and red plum fruit flavors with subtle savory complexity. A smooth, refreshing finish leaves the palate invigorated. A wine of exceptional quality and depth, this Merlot is sure to impress the most discerning of palates.

## This Spring, we wanted to treat you.

In our Spring wine packs we have included your tried and true Briar Ridge favourites, and some new innovative styles to enjoy.

The all new 'Hillrose' Shiraz was watched with anticipation after arriving into the winery from the cool Hilltops of New South Wales. This enables us to ferment with whole bunches and macerate skins for an extended time to create a distinctly Rhone-inspired wine; intense flavours and complexity yet medium bodied.



Purchase these wines and additional packs here.



## 2021 Limited Release 'Hilltops' Cabernet Shiraz

This Australian blend from the esteemed Hillrose vineyard in Hilltops, NSW is a delight for the senses. Aromas of blackberry and bayleaf give way to a fresh, medium-bodied palate with notes of mulberry, blackberry, and cedar from maturation in French oak barrels. The tannins are firm and well-structured, suggesting that the wine will benefit from cellaring. Overall, this wine is an elegant and refined expression of the terroir, showcasing the beauty and complexity of the Hillrose vineyard.

## 2021 'Cold Soaked' Cabernet Sauvignon

The term 'cold soak' is a winemaking technique employed before fermentation to enhance the extraction of colour, flavour and aromatics. This has been utilised in this Cabernet of ours since the late 1980s. Sourced from our family-owned vineyards in Orange, this red exhibits classic blackberry, cassis and dried herbs.

## 2021 'Old Vines' Shiraz

Referencing our now over 50 year history of winemaking, this is a blend of Shiraz from our two oldest family-owned vineyards in the Hunter Valley (40 years) & Wrattobully, SA (25 years). Nose displays hints of white pepper and lifted violet notes leading into a palate of rich, juicy red fruits with bright crunchy acidity.

## 2023 'Early Harvest' Semillon

Referencing the iconic style of wine which is Hunter Valley Semillon, our Early Harvest is delicate and zesty. The fruit is picked early in the season to best capture the subtle nuances of this staple Hunter Valley varietal. Crisp and dry, our 'Early Harvest Semillon' is bright, refreshing and lime-like with lemongrass aromatics.

## Sparkling Blanc de Blancs

This elegant Blanc de Blancs is made in a style retaining delicate fruit flavours and fine structure from the early picked Chardonnay grapes. The wine shows aromas of citrus and stone fruits combined with subtle creamy yeast complexity. The palate is fresh and lively with a long fine crisp finish. Drink whilst youthful and fresh.

# WHITE WINES INCLUDED IN #95

## 2021 'The Jezebel' Moscato

Moscato, a popular style traditionally from Asti in Italy's North West Piedmont region. Aromatic and low in alcohol, best to drink this young, fresh and alongside soft cheese, fruit desserts, salads and Asian foods, especially Thai and Vietnamese - perfect to enjoy with friends and family on a warm summers day.



## 2023 Stockhausen Semillon

Our Stockhausen wines are a nod to a bygone era here in the Hunter Valley and are crafted with the knowledge passed down from Hunter Valley Legend, Karl Stockhausen.

Made as a nod to the style of Semillon that made the Hunter Valley famous, this wine will satisfy both those who love to drink it early and fresh, or those who prefer a bit more age. The lemon blossom bouquet on this stunning example complements the refined acidity and lingering lime infused palate.



## 2023 Limited Release Viognier

Our latest rendition of our favourite aromatic French white. Grown in the family vineyard in Wrattontully, this wine is made in the traditional style displaying concentrated peach, citrus and honeysuckle which is complemented by French oak savoury and vanilla for a richly textured style of wine with crisp acidity. This wine is perfect for drinking by itself or alongside your favourite food.

## 2022 Stockhausen Chardonnay

Our Stockhausen wines are a nod to a bygone era here in the Hunter Valley and are crafted with the knowledge passed down from Hunter Valley Legend, Karl Stockhausen.

Grown in the heart of Hunter Valley wine country, this Chardonnay is low-yielding, meaning we get an excellent concentration of fruit flavours. This Chardonnay is whole bunch pressed and fermented in a mix of new and one year old large format French oak. With occasional stirring on the lees, we get a lovely creamy character with toasty oak characters.

## 2022 'The Squire' Chardonnay

The Squire Vineyard was the original name of our estate in Mount View, Hunter Valley. Chardonnay was the first planted white variety on the grounds and this wine pays homage to the crucial role that this grape has in our, and our regions, history.

A rich & opulent style of Chardonnay packed with notes of peach & melon. Subtle influence of oak provides structure & spice notes, with a natural nectarine like acidity adding a vibrant line.



## Get creative.

Although we like to enjoy our Moscato by the glass in the sunshine, we also love the potential that the aromatic flavours offer in cocktails. Check out our picks and let us know if you have any of your own!

### GINSCATO

Just add 20mL of your favourite gin to 150mL of Moscato. Throw in a wedge of lime, two mint leaves and ½ a cup of ice to serve.

### CRANBERRY MOSCATO PUNCH

1 shot of bourbon in a champagne glass, add Moscato to fill glass ¾ full, top up with unsweetened cranberry juice. Garnish with a few cranberries.



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# PROJECT SAIGNÉE

## MAKING OUR 2023 SHIRAZ PINOT NOIR

*Saignée /sein'jei/: to bleed; refers to bleeding off the juice after limited contact with the skins.*

Whole-bunch pressed Hunter Valley Shiraz and Orange Pinot Noir saignée parcels were matured in 115L glass wine globes to enhance the peppery spice and gamey notes of the Shiraz, with the sweet strawberry fruits of Pinot Noir as well as enhancing purity of fruit & texture development.

Our brand new wine globes used to produce this wine are made from borosilicate glass - strong, pure and resistant. This makes these vats neutral and unalterable over time, meaning there is no release of elements into the wine.

This wine is due to be released by December and will be bottled as soon as the labels arrive.

## ONLY 60 CASES PRODUCED



# 2023 MEMBERS BLENDING SESSION

## Oh what a day we had!

After a sumptuous lunch paired with beautiful Briar Ridge wine selections, the competition was on! Lab coats were assigned, teams allocated and into the warehouse for the fun to begin. Alex shared his magical insight to assist the teams in producing some beautiful and innovative blends, with Team 'Try That' taking the honours. Jokes were told, stories were shared, desserts were eaten, winners announced and before we knew it the buses were all here to return everyone to their accommodation. A fabulous day felt over too soon. Be sure to register your interest for next year, as always we are aiming for bigger and better!



All hail our honorary wine makers.

### Team 'Try That'

– Kirrily Foley, Jules Libro, Simon Crook, Graeme & Victoria Davies, John Healey, Nancy Andrews, Tom Healey and Jack Healey.





# RADICA

## Tasting Experience

*Radica - Italian for Briar.*

*Experience the pinnacle of our portfolio here at Briar Ridge Vineyard. Taste our most premium wines and savour the moment with a nosh of local & imported delicacies.*

*Be guided through a minimum of 8 Single Vineyard wines which showcase the terroir and quality of our estate vineyards in their past & present. Presented in varietal specific glassware from Riedel and paired with either Manchego & flatbread or a selection of canapés, this is the perfect experience for those that want to see the best of Briar Ridge Vineyard.*



## Book Here.



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