

2021 Tyrrells Hunter Valley Shiraz- Hunter Valley, Australia

Hunter Valley is one of Australia's oldest wine regions and was home to its very first commercial vineyards. The region's warm summer nights are coupled with autumn cloud cover and cool sea breezes. In 1858, Edward Tyrrell planted his first vines in the Hunter Valley. In 1959, Murray Tyrrell took control of the winery and started producing Tyrrell's wines under their own labels. The wine is crafted from a selection of some of the winery's top vineyard blocks, most of which are dry-farmed and average 40 years of age. This 100% Shiraz is fermented in traditional open-top vats and then matured in neutral 2,600-liter French oak barrels. This shows real shiraz character with ripe strawberries and sweet tobacco with hints of bark and walnut. Bright, plump red berry fruit, savory spice, floral soap and vanillin oak aromas are succeeded by a palate that's medium-bodied with a tight tug of spicy tannins and lifted acidity. Spicy. Medium-bodied with lots of juicy fruit and a delicious finish. 93 PTS JS

<u>Pairings</u>: Grilled or roast beef especially served rare or with a pepper sauce, barbecue, spicy sausages and smoked brisket, big beefy stews, roast or grilled lamb, and strong hard cheeses especially cheddar.

2019 Madfish Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot, Margaret Rvr. Australia

Picturesque Madfish Bay is located in the remote southern corner of Western Australia. The bay's tranquillity is broken when two tides meet. According to local folklore, the fish, confused by this natural phenomenon, can be observed leaping in the air as if in a state of complete madness. The MadFish wine range and label, first released in 1992, was named as an homage to this unique geographical occurrence. MadFish Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot is a modern blend of five traditional grape varieties and is crafted to produce a wine with a complete palate profile. The traditional Bordeaux grape varieties, which comprise the bulk of this Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot, are all well suited to the typical climatic conditions of these regions. The color is a rich deep ruby and leads you to an enticing nose brimming with succulent dark berry fruits supported by hints of raspberry, mocha, savory spice and rosemary. The palate offers great vibrancy and depth of flavor – black and blue berries, redcurrants, plum compote and roasted chestnuts mingle with alluring coffee and cocoa and a minty earthiness. Supple tannins allow this wide array of flavors to enliven and excite the mid palate and then linger on the finish. A wine of eminent approachability, with great integration and structure.

<u>Pairings:</u> Cabernet Sauvignon from South West Australia, with its bright fruit flavors, soft tannins, and rich body, complement meat based dishes representing many styles and cuisines. This wine is also great with hard cheeses.