



## **FREEMAN VINEYARDS**

Freeman Vineyards is located in the Hilltops region of New South Wales. This specialist family wine company was established in 1999 by viticulturist Dr Brian Freeman, previously professor of Wine Science at Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga.

The 175-hectare vineyard estate comprises several elevated blocks located within a radius of 10 kilometres on a 560-meter ridge. This high and cool location and the well-structured free-draining decomposed granite soils have proven ideally suited to viticulture.

## **VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING**

One variety that is synonymous with the Hilltops terroir is shiraz – the classic Australian variety that thrives in a continental climate, where warm days and cool nights are integral to cultivating balance and complexity.

The Altura Vineyard encompasses a block of mature 40-year-old shiraz vines, which stoically held their own through the prolonged drought. Selected parcels are chosen to craft this complete and complex estate wine hallmarked by its Hilltops origins.

The 2013 vintage season was marked by good spring rains that topped up soil moisture levels, resulting in the development of a balanced vine canopy. Thereafter it was a very dry summer with no rainfall recorded in January. This restricted yields and resulted in significant flavour concentration enhanced even further by the cool slow-ripening autumn. The grapes were harvested in early March with good acidity and balance.

## **TASTING NOTES**

**FREEMAN Shiraz 2013** is an intensely coloured wine distinguished by distinctive notes of pepper and spice underpinned by integrated vanillin oak. The full flavoured soft palate displays attractive fruit sweetness, a balanced minerality and rounded tannins. A pleasing plush cool climate shiraz that will age with grace.

## **RRP \$25**

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