



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 six 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 over 40-year-old shiraz vines, now showing that vine maturity contributes to exceptional intensity and balance when blended with more recent plantings. Selected parcels are chosen to craft this complete and complex estate wine hallmarked by its Hilltops origins.

The 2014 vintage season was one of extremes starting with a late October frost that luckily did not affect the safely elevated Altura Vineyard. Then came a mid-summer heatwave that intensified sugars and accelerated ripening. These conditions resulted in both colour and flavour intensity in the grapes, which were fully ripe when harvested and displayed good acidity and balance.

TASTING NOTES

FREEMAN Shiraz 2014 is an intensely coloured savoury wine distinguished by light peppery spice aromas and distinctive dark cherry fruit underpinned by integrated vanillin oak. A voluptuous complex wine that hovers entrancingly between elegance and power. Cellaring will conjure a wine of significant stature.

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