



## **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 the professor of Wine Science at Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga.

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

## **VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING**

This delicate dry sparkling wine is a fitting addition to the Italian inspired Freeman portfolio. A hectare of the home Altura vineyard was planted in 2011 to two clones of the traditional Italian variety Prosecco, with the intention of producing an authentic expression of the grape, most commonly associated with the Veneto region of northern Italy. These relatively young vines have adapted remarkably well to their hilltop site, as this excellent 2017 harvest attests.

The ripe grapes were picked in early February and gently pressed prior to the initial fermentation in stainless steel vats. Subsequently, half was barrel fermented and lees stirred to contribute complexity and a creamy texture to the wine prior to its secondary tank fermentation – known in Italy as the 'Metodo Martinotti' – or more commonly, as the Charmat process. Minimal dosage prior to bottling under pressure and cork creates a dry, lightly effervescent and vivacious style that mirrors its European origins.

## **TASTING NOTES**

A white gold colour with gentle citrus highlights **FREEMAN Prosecco 2017** displays a persistent fine dry, creamy effervescence and classic sherbet and pear aromas. Soft and yet sprightly on the palate with flavours of crunchy pear complemented by a smidge of creamy yeast complexity and delicate acidity, it refreshes to the very last sip....

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