



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 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 2017 vintage season was pretty well by the book. Good rain when needed in November and December, then dry with moderate heat ideal for long, slow steady ripening. Harvest commenced a bit later than average, allowing the fully ripe grapes to develop balance and penetrating flavour.

TASTING NOTES

FREEMAN Shiraz 2017 is an intense blackberry coloured savoury wine distinguished by light pepper and spice aromas and distinctive dark cherry fruit underpinned by integrated vanillin oak. A complex wine that hovers entrancingly between elegance and power; refined tannin frame and length. Enjoy with a seared Wagyu steak.