



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 red grape 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.

There is no other way to describe 2018 – it was a boomer! A dry cool spring was bolstered by rain after flowering that delivered balance and good yields. The perfect dry autumn ripened the shiraz grapes to near perfection, fully ripe and flavour-packed, picked in March for this epitome shiraz.

TASTING NOTES

FREEMAN Shiraz 2018 is an intense blackberry hued savoury wine distinguished by light pepper and spice aromas and distinctive dark cherry fruit. A complex wine that hovers enticingly between power and restraint, while featuring a refined tannin frame and persistence. Enjoy with a seared Wagyu steak.