

## FREEMAN ALTURA SHIRAZ 2022

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 50-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 2022 season started with a cool spring and later the warm dry autumn nurtured fully ripe flavour-packed grapes picked in late March.

## **TASTING NOTES**

**FREEMAN Shiraz 2022** displays classic red berry, peppery cool climate aromas merged with spicy oak-induced notes leading to an elegant savoury, full and mellow palate that features both varietal purity and elegance, a fine tannin fame and lingering close.