



Andrew Spinaze

Chief Winemaker, Andrew Spinaze, has been at the front line of Tyrrell's move from a small family winery to a serious industry player. When he joined in 1980, after completing his studies at Roseworthy Agricultural College in Adelaide, a massive growth phase was underway. Under Murray Tyrrell's direction in 1981, Andrew was placed in control of all Chardonnay production for the Company and in 1985 he became the Assistant Winemaker, with emphasis still on Chardonnay winemaking.

In 1987, Andrew travelled to France to fine-tune his winemaking skills. He became Chief Winemaker in 1989 overseeing all winemaking operations at both Tyrrell's lower and upper Hunter wineries with an overall crush of 4,000 tonnes.

During his time at Tyrrell's Wines, the Company has been awarded a multitude of trophies and gold medals at the Show awards. In 2004, Andrew was named Winemaker of the Year by the two most important wine magazines in Australia; Australian Gourmet Traveller Wine, and Winestate. This is the only award that rewards the individual winemaker through a rigorous selection process from industry peers and, therefore, highlights the level of respect that Andrew has developed in the industry. Andrew was awarded the inaugural Hunter Valley Winemaker of the Year in 2004.

In the same year, Andrew also won for the second year in a row, the Malaysia Airlines Prize for the Winemaker of the Most Outstanding Red or White Wine at the Adelaide Wine Show.

It has been Andrew's dedication to the Company that has seen the Company prosper through the development of wine styles; in particular, Semillon, Chardonnay and Shiraz. He has also been an instrumental force in driving the Company to invest in new viticultural areas, Heathcote (Victoria) and McLaren Vale (South Australia), and the creation of new wine styles under the Rufus Stone range.



- ◆ Chief Winemaker, Tyrrell's Wines
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- ◆ Awarded Winemaker of the Year by *Australian Gourmet Traveller Wine* and *Winestate*, 2004
- ◆ Awarded Hunter Valley Winemaker of the Year, 2004
- ◆ Tyrrell's Wines joined the Broadbent Selections portfolio in 2015

