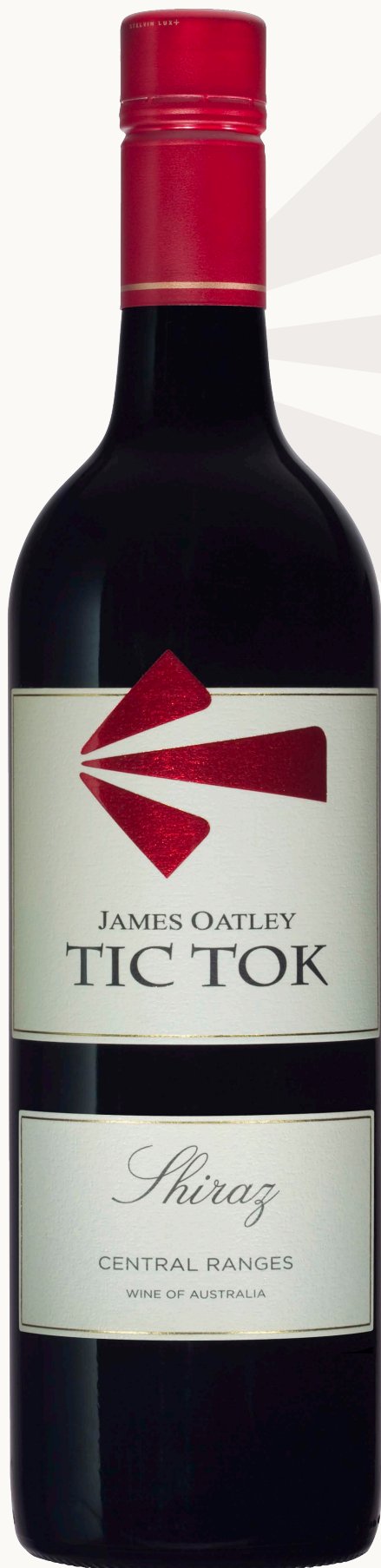




JAMES OATLEY TIC TOK



Bob Oatley's heritage goes back to the early days of the convict settlement in Sydney. Bob is a fifth generation Australian - a direct descendant of the convict, James Oatley, who was born in Warwickshire, England in 1770, the same year that Captain Cook discovered the east coast of Australia.

James Oatley grew up to become a clockmaker but along the way was a little errant in his ways - he was found guilty of stealing bed linen. Unfortunately for him at the time - but you could say, fortunately for Bob - his punishment was a life sentence, which meant being transported to Australia. He arrived in Sydney in 1815 just 27 years after the first fleet had sailed into Sydney Harbour.

James Oatley's talents as a clockmaker were quickly recognized in the colony and he soon became its most highly regarded clock and watch maker.

Officially pardoned in 1821, he was appointed Keeper of the Town Hall Clock by Governor Macquarie and commissioned to install the still functioning turret clock in the pediment of the Hyde Park Barracks on Macquarie Street.

As part of his remuneration he received a number of land grants from Governor Brisbane, including a 300-acre lot that is now the southern Sydney suburb of Oatley. His lovely Long Case Clocks were purchased by prosperous and prominent colonial citizens, with fewer than two dozen still in existence. They trade on the antique market today for up to \$500,000, but only rarely.

Bob Oatley has crafted JAMES OATLEY TIC TOK as a tribute to a family history of fine craftsmanship that is replicated in the vines and grapes grown by the Oatley family today.

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CENTRAL RANGES, NEW SOUTH WALES

New South Wales, Australia's most populous state, produces just under a third of its wine. Its capital city Sydney lies on the east coast on a beautiful harbour, in the lee of the panoramic Blue Mountains of the Great Dividing Range. To Sydney's north is the Hunter Valley and west, over the Mountains is the Central Ranges. Containing some of the higher and therefore cooler vineyard sites in the state, the Central Ranges is an important, recently designated wine-growing zone, sometimes better known for the regions it comprises: running north to south along the western slopes of the Great Dividing Range (and in descending order of size): Mudgee, Orange and Cowra.

Hailing from the Oatley family's vineyards in Mudgee, parcels of Shiraz grapes were especially selected for their richness of flavour and texture. The numerous separate batches were fermented on skins (for colour, tannin and flavour) for 12 days, with moderate pump-overs to keep the tannins soft rather than firm. They were then matured in one to two year old French oak for 15 months prior to blending and bottling.

Tic Tok Shiraz has everything you want in a glass of red wine. Sumptuous and velvety, this wine has complexity and some spicy characteristics. Berries, plums, baking spices and a touch of mocha on the lasting firm finish. This well rounded Shiraz would be perfect when you are grilling up a great steak and you need a great wine.

Drink:	Now to 2017
Alc/vol:	3.5%
RS:	2.70 g/L
pH:	3.60 g/L
Closure:	Stelvin Lux+ screw cap

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