



## HEATHCOTE ESTATE

### 2014 Heathcote Estate Single Vineyard Shiraz

#### 2013 / 2014 Growing Season

Good soaking rains during winter and early spring provided ample soil moisture for the start of the growing season. Spring was relatively cool with below average temperatures for the months of October and November.

A heavy downpour of rain during flowering led to reduced berry number per bunch in the Grenache particularly, leading to lower yields but intense flavours. However, the rain and cool weather was short lived, with a return to below average rain from October to February and above average temperatures in December through to March. The prolonged warmer temperatures resulted in a significantly slower veraison this season, but the vines coped well under the conditions and welcomed some cooler weather late in the ripening period. Berry sizes were smaller across the vineyard and show promising fruit concentration.

As always, the vineyard was entirely hand picked with each parcel of fruit carefully selected.



<b>Variety</b>	100% Shiraz
<b>Region</b>	Heathcote Victoria (Drummonds Lane)
<b>Harvested</b>	25 February – 6 March
<b>Alcohol</b>	13.5%
<b>Tit. Acidity</b>	6.0
<b>pH</b>	3.65
<b>Clones</b>	BVRC12, BVRC30, ESA3021, PT23, SA1654, SA1127
<b>Barrel</b>	17 months, 100% French, 20% new
<b>Winemaker</b>	Tom Carson, Chris Forge
<b>Viticulturist</b>	Vin Harrop

#### Winemaking

Our five individual blocks and their various sections were handled separately in the winery and vintage 2014 created 14 unique batches of wine. The grapes were fermented in a combination of traditional open and closed fermenters after gentle destemming, with some batches receiving whole bunches. The wines were then pressed and transferred into French Oak barrels for malolactic fermentation – majority 300L hogsheads (20% new) and some parcels aged in larger format traditional cuves. Racked three times during maturation, bottled September 2015.

#### Tasting note

The 2014 vintage is all about balance, mouthfeel and intensity of flavour, a vintage that has wonderful appeal now, but will evolve slowly but surely as Heathcote Estate has proven time and time again. The wine is exceptionally poised with characteristic layers of red and black fruits, floral notes, tar, gun flint and excellent balance and concentration. The palate is seamless, elegant and plush, with beautifully ripe tannins. [yabbylake.com](http://yabbylake.com)