



HEATHCOTE ESTATE

2016 HEATHCOTE ESTATE SINGLE VINEYARD SHIRAZ

The 2016 vintage was exceptional in Heathcote, with all the makings of our finest yet. One of our coldest winters in recent memory was followed by a warm and dry spring, with perfect, even set and growth. The warm, dry and consistent conditions prevailed throughout summer, resulting in highly concentrated small berries.



Region	Drummonds Lane, Heathcote
Alc	14%
Harvest	6 February
Clones	BVRC12, BVRC30, ESA3021, PT23, SA1654, SA1127
Soil	Deep red clay over bedrock, ancient Cambrian stone and quartz rock visible
Barrel	11 months. 100% French oak. 20% new
Winemaker	Tom Carson

Winemaking

Our five individual blocks and their various sections where handled separately in the winery and vintage 2016 created 11 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, some 500L puncheons and some parcels aged in traditional 6250L cuves. Racked twice during maturation, bottled February 2017.

Tasting note

Lifted perfume with layers of red and black fruits. Pristine and poised with floral notes, tar, gun flint and exceptional concentration and purity. The palate is seamless and fine, loaded with fruit texture and tightly packed savoury tannins.