



RED CLAW

2013 Red Claw Heathcote Shiraz

2012 / 2013 Growing Season

Vintage 2013 produced exceptionally balanced fruit with terrific acidity and depth of flavour. A blessed vintage, the best 'odd year' in our part of the world since 2005.

The significant rain that fell during the previous harvest ensured good water storages leading into the 2013 season. Welcome winter rain in June (55mm) and July (83mm) also attributed to good soil moisture for the beginning of the 2013 growing season. Bud break began on 10 September. Spring was very dry with low disease pressure. We experienced excellent flowering, fruit-set and perfect canopy growth for the anticipated warm months ahead.

The dry growing season conditions continued throughout summer helping to alleviate the threat of any disease. Veraison was slow this season, however a warmer February saw desired fruit maturity coming on quickly after full veraison. Berry size was smaller and fruit concentration excellent. Once again the vineyard was entirely hand picked with each parcel of fruit carefully selected. Harvest started on 15 February, and ended 13 March with Grenache.



Region	Heathcote, Victoria
Alc	14%
Res. sugar	0.2g/l
Tit. Acidity	6.3gl
Winemaker	Tom Carson
Viticulturist	Vin Harrop
Harvested	15 February – 2 March

Winemaking

The grapes were fermented in a combination of open and closed fermenters with up to three weeks total time on skins. There were 9 individual batches, with a couple of those receiving whole bunch. The wines were then pressed and transferred immediately into barrels for malolactic fermentation. Remained in barrel for a total of 15 months (100% French, 70% 300L hogsheads and the rest barriques) and during maturation was racked four times.

Tasting note

Precise, bright dark berry fruit and lifted spice dominate the aromas, with underlying scents of pepper and subtle French oak. The palate is plush and silky, loaded with dark fruited shiraz intensity. Fine structure and excellent concentration.

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