



# HEATHCOTE ESTATE



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VARIETY:	Shiraz 97%, Grenache 3%
REGION:	Heathcote
ALCOHOL:	14%
TITRATABLE ACIDITY:	6.8 g/L
PH:	3.51

### VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

#### VINTAGE

The 2005 growing season was very dry. A mild spring was followed by a warm to hot summer with very little rain. The vines were severely tested but coped admirably when three weeks prior to harvest a heat wave of 40c plus temperatures lasted for four days.

Harvest commenced the third week of March under ideal conditions and at an average 24 Brix. The grapes were then fermented in a combination of open and closed fermenters spending up to 3 weeks on the skins. The wine was pressed and transferred immediately into barrels for malo-lactic fermentation. It remained in barrels for 18 months (a combination of 35% new and second and third use barrels were used, 90% French and 10% American) and during maturation was racked 5 times before being filtered and bottled in December 2006.

The resultant wine is a dark dense red colour with purple hues. It has a rich and ripe powerful nose with blackberries and raspberries, lifted perfume and nuances of dusty oak, chocolate, spice and liquorice.

This medium to full bodied wine imparts a complex layering of flavours. The mid palate expresses rich sweet blackberries and raspberries with a hint of spice. The wine features soft supple tannins, seamless integration of oak and acid with a long lingering rich finish.

This wine embodies the affinity between the Heathcote region and the Shiraz grape. The dry, mild climate combined with the ancient red Cambrian soils produce a wine with unique regional flavour and immense aging potential.

#### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The Dark dense colour reflects the ripe powerful nose of perfumed violets, cherry and raspberry with nuances of cedar, chocolate and spice. Flavours are a subtle combination of layered complex fruit integrated with subtle oak. The long palate features soft supple tannins and a seamless integration of oak and acid with a long rich lingering finish. An elegant wine packed with flavour and complexity. The 2005 Heathcote Estate Shiraz embodies the affinity between the Heathcote Region and the Shiraz grape.