



HEATHCOTE ESTATE

Heathcote Estate – Three Vintages of Block F Shiraz
Limited gift pack released from our museum cellar - November 2022

2019 Heathcote Estate Single Block Release 'Block F' Shiraz

The 2019 vintage in Heathcote produced wines of exceptional concentration and power. A warm and dry spring led into another classic Heathcote summer, warm days and cool nights. The wines are archetypal Heathcote, darkly coloured, abundant fruit and depth of flavour with seamless structure and balance.

Region	Drummonds Lane, Heathcote
Alc	13.5%
Block	F
Harvest	22 February
Aspect	North facing slope, westerly inclination
Soil	Rich and deep red clay topsoil over bedrock. Ancient Cambrian green stones visible
Barrel	11 months. 500L French oak puncheons. 30% new
Winemaker	Tom Carson

Winemaking

The grapes were hand picked. The wine is made up of two batches – batch 1 was fermented in traditional stainless steel open fermenters with 100% whole bunches. Batch 2 was fermented in French oak cuves with 20% whole bunches. Batch 1 makes up 40% of the blend (3 barrels) and batch 2 makes up 60% (4 barrels). The wines were then pressed and transferred into 500L French oak puncheons for malolactic fermentation. Racked twice during maturation, bottled February 2020.

Tasting note

Fragrant and complex perfume with spice, red and dark fruits and hints of gun-flint characters. The palate is characteristically poised and detailed, displaying exceptional concentration and purity. Loaded with fruit texture, woven into a seamlessly long finish. The wine will age beautifully over the next 10-15 years.

2016 Heathcote Estate Single Block Release 'Block F' Shiraz

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	13.5%
Block	F
Harvest	8 February
Aspect	North facing slope, westerly inclination
Soil	Rich and deep red clay topsoil over bedrock. Ancient Cambrian green stones visible
Barrel	12 months. 500L French oak puncheons. 20% new
Winemaker	Tom Carson

Winemaking

The grapes were handpicked and fermented in traditional open fermenters after gentle destemming, with some batches receiving whole bunches. The wines were then pressed and transferred into 500L French oak puncheons for malolactic fermentation. Racked twice during maturation, bottled February 2017.

Tasting note

Beautifully fragrant upon release, with violets, red berry fruits and loads of spice. The wine is still showing that Classic Block F nose, but now with added complexity, tar and flint notes. The palate is beautifully poised, intensely concentrated and detailed, with the silkiest texture and length. The wine still has plenty of power, with an attractive plushness on the palate.

2009 Heathcote Estate Single Block Release 'Block F' Shiraz

Vintage 2009: Historically, the vineyard is watered minimally so the vines are quite drought tolerant and on a whole were able to endure the extreme weather conditions of 2009 vintage well. The Australian Sprawl canopy (no foliage wires) provided shade and cover for the fruit from direct sunlight. Selective hand picking allowed us to preserve the best parcels of fruit – such as that in Block F, with defined structure, aromatics and tannin.

Region	Drummonds Lane, Heathcote
Alc	14%
Block	F
Harvest	28 February
Aspect	North facing slope, westerly inclination
Soil	Rich and deep red clay topsoil over bedrock. Ancient Cambrian green stones visible
Barrel	12 months. 500L French oak puncheons. 20% new
Winemaker	Tom Carson

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Winemaking

Handpicked and carefully hand selected from Block F on February 28. Parcels were fermented in small open fermenters, 20% of the fruit as whole bunches and the balance gently destemmed. After 7 days on skins, the shiraz was pressed to barrel (tight grain French oak – 30% new) where it completed primary fermentation and malolactic fermentation. The wine was racked twice and remained in oak until bottled on 25th August 2010.

Tasting note

This Heathcote Shiraz was crafted with minimal intervention in the winery to ensure it reflects the spirit of the season and the vineyard. The resulting wine is extremely fragrant with violets, liquored dark berries, earth, gun flint and loads of spice. The palate is beautifully poised and forthright, deep, fine, intensely concentrated and with the silkiest texture and length.