



## HEATHCOTE ESTATE

### 2016 HEATHCOTE ESTATE SINGLE BLOCK RELEASE 'BLOCK C' 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.



<b>Region</b>	Drummonds Lane, Heathcote
<b>Alc</b>	13.5%
<b>Block</b>	C
<b>Harvest</b>	6 February
<b>Aspect</b>	North facing slope, easterly inclination
<b>Soil</b>	Deep red clay over bedrock, ancient Cambrian stone and quartz rock visible
<b>Barrel</b>	11 months. 500L French oak puncheons. 20% new
<b>Winemaker</b>	Tom Carson

#### Winemaking

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

#### Tasting note

Intensely coloured and deeply scented with black fruits, spice, background pepper and plummy richness. The palate is classic C Block – rich, expansive and a deep core of powdery Heathcote tannins. Plush and rich, but long and fine.