



HEATHCOTE ESTATE

2016 HEATHCOTE ESTATE SINGLE BLOCK RELEASE 'BLOCK F' 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	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	11 months. 500L French oak puncheons. 20% new
Winemaker	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 500L French oak puncheons for malolactic fermentation. Racked twice during maturation, bottled February 2017.

Tasting note

Beautifully fragrant, with violets, red berry fruits and loads of spice. The palate is beautifully poised and vibrant, intensely concentrated and detailed, with the silkiest texture and length. Classic F block, powerful but a silky long finish.