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TASTING NOTES

Heathcote 2007 Block Two Shiraz

- Summary:** This wine comes from a single block selection from the oldest Shiraz vines in our Camelback vineyard. We have long been convinced that the Block Two produces the best quality Shiraz fruit we have.
- The Block 2 Shiraz exhibits layers of intense dark berry fruit and spice that unfolds on the palate, mingled with subtle tannins and a touch of earthiness. The deftly handled French oak enhances the richness of the fruit and adds complexity. Block Two is a wine with good structure and acid balance, length and fine integrated tannins.
- Origin:** Heathcote, Victoria,
- Viticulture:** Vines planted in 1999. Vines spur-pruned and vertical shoot positioned to ensure fruit exposure and even ripening. Low yielding to ensure richly flavoured grapes. A portion of the vineyard was bunch-thinned for even greater concentration of flavour.
- Vintage:** Another dry spring, but luckily avoiding the frost that covered much of south east Australia, with low soil moisture levels saw low crops produced in our Heathcote vineyard. Summer started hot and dry with excellent conditions for flowering. 2007 was the earliest harvest on record, the Shiraz grapes were picked from the 17th of February.
- Winemaking:** Our grapes were crushed into open and closed fermenters and inoculated with selected yeast strains. The open ferment was plunged 3-4 times daily to gently extract colour and flavour, the static fermenters pumped over twice daily for 20 minutes to achieve the same result. The open fermenters were basket pressed with the static fermenters pressed via pneumatic pressing. The wines were then transferred to French oak barriques, approx 25% new, from the cooperages of Dargaud & Jaeglé and St Martin. After one racking during the year, the wines were then bottled.
- Bottled:** June 2008
- Alcohol:** 14.0%
- Ageing Potential:** Enjoy now, or cellar carefully for 6-8 years