

HEATHCOTE BLOCK TWO SHIRAZ 2006

- Summary:** Our Heathcote Block Two Shiraz is an intense wine bursting with concentrated dark berry flavours and exotic spice. The ripe fruit and fine tannins make this an impressive drink.
- Origin:** Heathcote, Victoria,
- Blend** Shiraz from our oldest block of our Heathcote vineyard, with a touch of Grenache (4.7%) and Viognier (<2%)
- 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.
- Vintage:** A dry spring with low soil moisture levels saw low crops produced in our Heathcote vineyard. Summer started hot and dry with excellent conditions for flowering; a hot summer (with a week of 43°C) ripened grapes several weeks early. Picked over several days 9-17 March.
- Winemaking:** Our grapes were crushed and pumped into both open and closed fermenters and inoculated with selected yeast strains. Some batches were co-fermented with Viognier to increase complexity. Ferments were plunged 3-4 times daily to gently extract colour and flavour. At the end of fermentation, the resulting wine was pressed and transferred to French oak barriques. After one racking during the year, the wine was blended and filtered ready for bottling.
- Bottled:** March 2007
- Alcohol:** 13.8%
- Ageing:** Enjoy now, or cellar for 6-8 years



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