

HEATHCOTE SHIRAZ VIIGNIER 2007

- Summary:** Our Shiraz Viognier is a full flavoured generous wine. It is packed with ripe juicy flavours and an abundance of fruit. A wine for enjoying on any occasion.
- Origin:** Heathcote, Victoria.
- Blend:** Shiraz 96%, Viognier 4%
- 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 resulting in low soil moisture levels hence low crops produced in our Heathcote vineyard. Summer started hot and dry with excellent conditions for flowering then ripening of the grapes took place several weeks early. Picked 17 – 23 February
- Winemaking:** The Shiraz was crushed and pumped into open fermenters and inoculated with selected yeast strains. A portion of the Viognier was co-fermented with the Shiraz. 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 mostly French oak barriques, with a small proportion of American oak. After one racking during the year, the wine was blended, given a light fining and filtered ready for bottling.
- Bottled:** May 2008
- Alcohol:** 14.6%
- Ageing** Enjoy now, or cellar for 2-3 years



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