



2009 Tatiarra Caravan of Dreams Shiraz Pressings

This formidable wine has become an International wine icon, and demand exceeds supply many times over. Stylistically, past vintages have been compared with great vintages of Penfolds Grange.

Region: Heathcote, Victoria

Winemaker: Ben Riggs & Peter Flewellyn

Background: The Caravan of Dreams takes its name from the aspirations of the vineyard's founder, Bill Hepburn, who in the early 1990's planted the original Tatiarra block consisting of ten acres of Shiraz vines. The early years of preparing the soil and planting the vineyard were difficult, with the only accommodation on the site being a caravan and a 'thunderbox'. However, when the cold winters in the caravan proved to be a strain on his health Bill Hepburn passed the dream onto Tatiarra. The result is this extraordinary wine. Three pressings are made from the grape skins after the free run juice is allocated for the Cambrian Shiraz. Great care must be taken to ensure that excess tannins and phenolics don't overcome the fruit flavour. The wine is matured in new American oak casks for approximately 12 months.

Vintage Conditions: In contrast to the preceding 2008 vintage, 2009 was one of the strongest years experienced at Tatiarra with only a small portion of fruit needing to be Culled. Whilst the drought conditions persisted, through the diligent use of water, that had to be bought in by the company, vineyard manger Bob Wilson was able maintain the vineyard in an impeccable state and produce some of the best Shiraz fruit in the district.

Colour: Opaque black purple with a paint like cling.

Nose: Perfumed aromas of ripe blackberry, plum and liquorice followed by some confectionary, crushed rock and blackpepper.

Palate: Powerful and super concentrated, the palate delivers mouthfilling flavours of perfectly ripened blackberry, liquorice and confectionary with an explosive blackpepper back palate and vanillin oak overlay. Very fine grained perfectly balanced tannins. Exceptionally long aftertaste of blackpepper, blackberry, liquorice and confectionary that lingers for minutes. A stunning example of Heathcote Shiraz capable of cellaring for 15 years plus. Stocks are Extremely Limited.

Alc/Vol: 15.5%

Bottled with Stelvin Seal.

Packed in 6 x 750ml Cartons

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