



2009 Tatiarra Trademark Shiraz

A stunning Shiraz juxtaposing the qualities of two of Australia's greatest Shiraz producing areas

Region: Heathcote, Victoria & McLaren Vale, South Australia

Winemaker: Ben Riggs & Peter Flewellyn

Background: There is no such thing as perfection – only its continued pursuit. Winemaker Ben Rigg's contribution to the pursuit of perfection is to bring together two of Australia's great Shiraz regions to create a 'Trademark' blend. The blackpepper characters and tannin structure of Heathcote Shiraz compliment the rich plum and blackberry flavours of McLaren Vale to produce a wine that brings a further dimension to Shiraz. Each vintage only 4 barrels are produced - consisting of two barrels of the finest Shiraz made by Ben Riggs in McLaren Vale combined with the two finest barrels of Heathcote Shiraz from Tatiarra to create an extraordinary 50:50 blend with a degree of concentration that is only found in the great examples of the variety.

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 manager Bob Wilson was able maintain the vineyard in an impeccable state and produce some of the best Shiraz fruit in the district.

In McLaren Vale the 2009 vintage was a classic cool to warm season of outstanding quality. The excellent conditions favoured tightly structured and intensely flavoured wines with promising long term cellaring potential.

Colour: Opaque super saturated inky black purple.

Nose: Already displaying great complexity with lifted scents of liquorice, dark plum and blackberry followed by some confectionary, blackpepper and vanilla.

Palate: Elegant in structure, yet generous the palate delivers mouthfilling flavours of blackberry, liquorice, blackpepper and spice with a subtle vanillin oak overlay. Perfectly balanced velvet like tannins are seamlessly integrated. Outstanding concentration and length with exceptionally long aftertaste of blackpepper, blackberry, liquorice and spice. A near perfect juxtaposition of power, persistence and elegance.

Stocks are Extremely Limited.

Alc/Vol: 15.5%

Bottled with Stelvin Seal.

Packed in 6 x 750ml Cartons



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