



2012 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

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: 2012 was a welcome return to form for Heathcote after the 2010 & 2011 vintages in which Tatiarra produced none of its super premium wines. The vintage saw excellent spring rains and a generally mild summer. The combination of low crop levels and mild conditions during the ripening period together with cool nights and good canopy size were all conducive to excellent flavour development and the retention of natural acidity in the fruit, resulting in good acid to ripeness balance being achieved and very strong flavours.

Colour: Opaque inky black purple.

Nose: Impressive aromas of liquorice and ripe blackberry overlay dark plum, dark chocolate and spicy vanillin oak nuances.

Palate: Powerful and concentrated, the palate delivers mouthfilling flavours of perfectly ripened dark fruits including plum, blackberry and liquorice which overlay some dark chocolate, vanillin oak and pepper. Muscular stance with firm yet very fine grained, perfectly balanced tannins. Long persistent aftertaste of liquorice, dark fruits, toasty vanillin oak and blackpepper. A superb example of Heathcote Shiraz capable of cellaring for 10-15 years plus. Stocks are Extremely Limited.

Alc/Vol: 15%

Bottled with Stelvin Seal.

Packed in 6 x 750ml Cartons

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