



## 2012 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

**Background:** There is no such thing as perfection – only its continued pursuit. Winemaker Ben Riggs' 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:** 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. In McLaren Vale the 2012 vintage was outstanding producing big rich generously styled Shiraz coupled with great structure.

**Colour:** Opaque super saturated inky black crimson.

**Nose:** Lifted scents of blackberry, liquorice and dark plum followed by some vanillin oak, mocha and spice.

**Palate:** Fleshy with abundant richness the palate has engaging flavours of blackberry, liquorice and dark plum over some toasty vanillin oak and blackpepper.. Perfectly balanced velvet like tannins are seamlessly integrated and provide great structure. Outstanding concentration and length with exceptionally long aftertaste of blackberry, liquorice, vanillin oak and pepper. A near perfect juxtaposition of power, persistence and elegance. Very Limited Stocks



**Alc/Vol:** 15%

**Bottled with** Stelvin Seal.

**Packed in** 6 x 750ml Cartons

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