



2013 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: Good Winter rains were followed by a period from September right through to harvest in which virtually no rainfall occurred. Summer temperatures were high throughout this period. As a result of these warmer conditions vintage started on the 5th March, roughly 1 week ahead of schedule. Dropping of fruit began earlier than usual and the controlling of canopy cover resulted in excellent flavour development. The diligent use of the limited water resources at critical times by vineyard manager Bob Wilson during this dry period meant the vineyard flourished. There's no doubting that in years to come the 2013 wines will be considered to be up there with the best Tatiarra has produced if not the very best.

Colour: Super saturated inky black colour.

Nose: Heady aromas of ripe blackberry, liquorice and cassis overlay dark plum, dark chocolate and spicy vanillin oak nuances showing excellent intensity.

Palate: Opulent and super rich the palate possesses amazing power and drive with flavours of ripe blackberries, liquorice, cassis and black plum completely flooding the palate followed by nuances of vanillin oak, crushed rock, meaty characters and pepper. The firm muscular tannins largely concealed by the wealth of fruit. The exceptionally long aftertaste sailing on for minutes. Cellar 20 years plus. Stocks are Extremely Limited.

Alc/Vol: 15%

Bottled with Stelvin Seal.

Packed in 6 x 750ml Cartons

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