



2014 Tatiarra Cambrian Shiraz

Tatiarra has in a very short time established a reputation as “one of the most exciting operations in Heathcote” producing powerful, concentrated and structured Shiraz that possess stunning flavour persistence.

Region: Heathcote, Victoria

Winemakers: Ben Riggs

Background: Tatiarra's Heathcote Vineyard occupies a unique parcel of earth. Around 500,000,000 years ago, natural forces, moulding the world, hardened the planet's surface forming Cambrian rock. Today, that rock exists as a discontinuous band of red earth, extending from the Heathcote township and running north past Colbinabbin, parallel to the Mount Camel range. The Tatiarra Vineyard is sustained by this band of soil derived from this ancient Cambrian rock in which Shiraz vines thrive, producing fruit of incomparable quality and wines of matchless character. The resulting wines are perfectly balanced, possessing tremendous exuberance and are capable of long term cellar development. The Cambrian Shiraz represents a wonderful expression of the Tatiarra Vineyard's terroir and is a classic, big Heathcote Shiraz. The grapes for this wine were cropped at 2.1 tonnes per acre, producing a wine of immense power and concentration.

Vintage Conditions: 2014 proved to be a challenging vintage in general for the Heathcote district, a heavy frost hit the region just as flower set had begun and a large number of vineyards lost up to 80% of their crop. Tatiarra, situated at the base of Camel Mountain came through unscathed as the frost slide through without damaging the vines. Yet another dry vintage and temperatures in the mid 40's meant water had to be trucked in as all dam supplies had been exhausted. Water is applied to keep the vines in perfect condition thus avoiding loss of foliage. Vintage started on the 5th March and finished on the 26th March allowing each section of the vineyards to be picked at their optimal point of ripeness. Tatiarra came through these trying conditions with a near perfect vintage, winemaker Ben Riggs ranking it just below the great 2013 vintage.

Colour: Impenetrable midnight black purple colour

Nose: Expressively scented with aromatics of liquorice, ripe blackberries and dark plums wafting out of the glass followed by nuances of dark chocolate, vanillin oak and spice.

Palate: Rich, concentrated dark fruit flavours engulf the palate, overlaid by blackpepper and underpinned by spicy vanillin oak. Combines opulence with structured, yet velvet like tannins. Superb power with a long aftertaste of liquorice, dark ripe fruits, vanillin oak and pepper. Cellar 6-8 years.

Alc/Vol: 15%

Bottled with Stelvin Seal.

Packed in 6 x 750ml Cartons



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