



## 2014 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:** 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:** Super saturated inky black colour.

**Nose:** Fabulous intensity with liquorice, blackberry and plum aromas laced with blackpepper exciting the olfactory senses. Nuances of vanillin oak, some meatiness and rock like notes add interest.

**Palate:** Exceptionally rich and opulent with a firm, muscular feel the palate is saturated with a huge core of lavish fruit that's framed by a rock like structure. Mouthfilling flavours of liquorice, blackberry, dark plums, dark chocolate, vanillin oak and pepper sailing long onto the aftertaste. A powerful expression of Heathcote Shiraz. Cellar 10 years plus. Stocks are Extremely Limited.

**Alc/Vol:** 15%

**Bottled with Stelvin Seal.**

**Packed in 6 x 750ml Cartons**

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