

2020 Heathcote Shiraz No. 2

The Wine

From three vineyards, we make our Heathcote Shiraz every year. With each vineyard being in three distinctly different micro-climates within the Heathcote GI, each hand-picked parcel of fruit adds a unique dimension to this wine.

Deep raspberry in hue, it's bright fruit on first sip; juicy blueberries, wild cherries and a hint of saltiness. A soft, velvet mid-palate, lovely length with delicate tannin and a soft, lasting finish.

The Vineyard

A blend of fruit from three different sub-regions: Colbinabbin (Mount Burrumboot Estate), Toolleen (Dead Horse Hill) and Kimbolton (Coliban Glen Vineyard).

Mount Burrumboot Estate, Colbinabbin

Located at the northern tip of the Heathcote Wine Region, in Colbinabbin, Mount Burrumboot Estate is owned and operated by Cathy and Andrew Branson.

The vines were planted in 1999, and include both Marsanne and Shiraz, as well as other red varieties. Being farmers for generations, the Bransons heed to the philosophy of minimal intervention and sustainable practice: they care for their soils, follow organic practices, and encourage the diversity of soil microflora, so that each vine receives natural nutrients.

Irrigated by the Waranga-Western Channel, the vineyard runs north to south over deep, fertile, ancient Cambrian soil. A combination of hand-picking and machine harvesting is undertaken every year.

Dead Horse Hill, Toolleen

A unique 4-acre Shiraz vineyard located 20km north of the Heathcote township in Toolleen. Planted in 1994 by Jencie McRobert, the dry-grown site is located on mineral-rich Cambrian soil.

At an altitude of 203m and on an easterly facing slope, the berries are are always intense and full of punchy tannins. Following the principles of sustainable viticulture, Jencie hand-prunes the vineyard every year and uses organic, sustainable fertilisers to enhance soil quality.

The fruit is hand-picked by Jencie, Russell and their family and friends to ensure the bunches remain whole.

Coliban Glen Vineyard, Kimbolton

Located on the western banks of Lake Eppalock is this beautiful vineyard. It's easterly facing, so catches the morning rays, and is irrigated by the Lake.

Planted in 1996 on loamy soils and owned and operated by Peter Raeburn, this distinctive site produces Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon with crisp acidity every year. Being in the southern pocket of the Heathcote GI, the vineyard is slower ripening, allowing the berries to develop floral and fruit notes.

The vineyard is hand-pruned and hand-picked, and the passion Peter has for his vines shows through every year in the exceptional fruit he produces.

Winemaking Notes

A combination of hand-picking and machine harvesting took place between late February and mid-March 2020. Each vineyard is low cropped, allowing the berries to have robust concentration and an incredible, vibrant colour.

The fruit was transported straight to the winery for processing. Each parcel of fruit was fermented over approximately a 2-to-3-week period in small, open fermenters with twice daily punch downs and temperature control.

Post ferment, the wine was racked into French and American barriques, some seasoned (2-, 3- and 4-year-old) and some new (25%) to balance oak tannins. The wine went through secondary fermentation in mid-July 2020, with only minimal sulphur additions.

In early 2022, each barrique was individually tasted and graded before being bottled in May 2022. From each vineyard, the blend is: 60% from Mount Burrumboot Estate, 38% from Coliban Glen Vineyard and 2% from Dead Horse Hill.

Palate Bright fruit on first sip; juicy blueberries and raspberries. A soft, rounded mid-

palate, lovely length with delicate tannin and a lingering white pepper finish.

Quantity 266 dozen.

Soil Ancient Cambrian loam.

Closure Natural cork.

Artwork A collaboration with Mark Conlan, an Irish artist based in

Melbourne and a very good friend of ours. Mark's style is whimsical and playful and has perfectly captured the sites in

which we source our fruit.

RRP \$35.00

