

# TYRRELL'S



## HEATHCOTE LUNATIQ SHIRAZ 2019

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### Vineyard

Planted in 1994, this 2019 release of Lunatiq Shiraz marks 25 years since Bruce Tyrrell planted our first vines in the Heathcote region. Our Victorian vineyard is situated on highly prized, deep-red Cambrian soil on the eastern slope of the Mount Carmel range, about 25 - 30km north of the town of Heathcote.

The oldest and best blocks were used for the Lunatiq blend.

### Vintage Conditions

Dry conditions throughout winter and good rains during spring prepared the vineyard nicely for summer. A warm-to-hot January and February sped up ripening in the vineyard, resulting in picking earlier than normal, and in a shorter time frame. An exceptional year for Shiraz in Heathcote.

### Winemaker's Notes

The fruit arrived at the winery in near perfect condition, and also about 13°C. With a portion of the block being handpicked, approximately 20% whole bunches were included, the remaining fruit was de-stemmed but not crushed to preserve as many whole berries as possible. A three day cold soak, followed by a 15 day ferment at 25°C in open top fermenters with gentle pump overs to maximize flavour and colour without over extracting tannin. The wine was then matured in tight grain French oak barriques (20% new) for 14 months. The best barrels were blended and further matured until bottling.

### Tasting Notes

Dark, inky purple with a vibrant hue. The nose shows rich dark fruits with the full array of pepper, charcuterie, and a subtle lift of French Oak. The palate has a richness and softness with dark fruit and chocolate and some spice. The tannin from the stalk and oak working well together gives the wine a silky texture and finish.

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**Date Picked** 6 and 7 March 2019 | **Date Bottled** 14 December 2020

**Alc** 14.8% | **pH** 3.44 | **TA** 6.31 g/L

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## THE STORY OF HEATHCOTE

Heathcote is one of Australia's exciting red wine regions. Its unique topography, combined with a temperate climate and ancient Cambrian soils, produces Shiraz fruit with great depth and intensity. The resulting wines are powerful yet elegant with rich fruit characters complimented by pepper spice, balanced with acidity and fine-grained tannins.