

TYRRELL'S



RUFUS STONE HEATHCOTE SHIRAZ 2022

Vineyard

Planted in 1994, our Heathcote vineyard is situated on a strip of ancient Cambrian soil on the east facing slopes of Mount Camel in Central Victoria, north of the Heathcote township. These ancient soils are synonymous with the region and gives the wine its unique structure.

Vintage Conditions

Solid rains in Heathcote throughout winter and spring set the scene for an ideal growing season. Optimum soil moisture and mild growing conditions persisted throughout summer. The growing season lasted roughly two weeks longer than usual. Harvest commenced in late March, which meant the fruit had a longer ripening period with more hang time on the vine. The 2022 vintage therefore produced beautifully balanced and bold red wines.

Winemaker's Notes

The grapes were fermented in a combination of open and closed top fermenters. Maturation took place in predominantly French oak barriques (20% new) for 12 months before bottling.

Tasting Notes

A full-bodied style of Shiraz with intense black plum flavours, white pepper and supple tannins. French oak supports and guides the volume of fruit. Dark chocolate ripe mulberry and plumb linger but finish fresh, bright and pure.

Date Picked 21 March 2022 | **Date Bottled** 8 February 2023

Alc 14.5% | **pH** 3.48 | **TA** 6.66 g/L

THE STORY OF RUFUS STONE

In the year 1100, an errant arrow fired by Sir Walter Tyrrell, an ancestor of the Tyrrell family, killed King William II (known as Rufus). Today, the site of this infamous incident in New Forest, England, is marked by the Rufus Stone.

Our Heathcote estate blend Shiraz is named after this fascinating chapter in Tyrrell family history.

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.