

# TYRRELL'S



## RUFUS STONE HEATHCOTE SHIRAZ 2021

### 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

Near perfect conditions were experienced in Heathcote for the 2021 season. Great winter rains were followed by a mild and stress free spring and autumn. With no rush to pick, all of the blocks were harvested at their optimal ripeness levels which delivered exceptional fruit.

### Winemaker's Notes

The grapes were fermented in a combination of open and closed top fermenters. Maturation took place in predominantly French oak barriques (15% new) for 12 months before bottling.

### Tasting Notes

A wonderfully fragrant, intoxicating aroma of dark berries and white pepper. The palate is medium to full bodied with fruit intensity that is only seen in the great vintages. The palate is impeccably long and balanced, the best Heathcote Shiraz vintage since 2006.

**Date Picked** 9 - 25 March 2021

**Date Bottled** 31 January 2022

**Alc** 14.5% | **pH** 3.49 | **TA** 6.34 g/L

4 Gold medals

2 Silver medals

2 Bronze medals

90 Points - Huon Hooke, *The Real Review*

## 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.