

TASTING NOTES

2018 SANGIOVESE

GRAPES

Sangiovese

DISTRICT OF ORIGIN OF GRAPES

Heathcote, Central Victoria

VINIFICATION

The fruit was machine harvested into 2.5t steel bins and transported directly to the winery for immediate processing. Crushed to static fermenters, it was pumped over twice a day for approximately 20 minutes each time, during which time the temperature and acid levels were monitored constantly and adjusted when necessary. After completing fermentation the wine was pressed to tank using an air bag press. It was racked off gross lees directly to barrel to finish malolactic fermentation and mature in mainly older used barriques. The barrels were checked and topped each month. Bottled 13th February 2019.

OAK MATURATION

100% older oak.

ANALYSIS

Alcohol 14.5%

pH 3.51

Acid 6.48g/L

Sugar <1.0gm/L

COLOUR

Mid red/garnet.

NOSE

Fragrant pot pourri characters, dried thyme and cherry notes.

PALATE

Plush mouth filling grainy tannins combine well with the sweet red fruit and herbs.

FOOD MATCH

Osso bucco.

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

Sangiovese is a thin skinned variety like Nebbiolo. Known for its earthy more than fruity notes, it has attractive mid red colour and can be characterised by high levels of tannin well balanced by acid. It is suited to well drained soils with abundant sunlight both of which the Heathcote vineyard provides.



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2019 NEBBIOLO ROSÉ



GRAPES

Nebbiolo

DISTRICT OF ORIGIN OF GRAPES

Heathcote

VINIFICATION

The grapes were hand picked, crushed and pressed through an air bag press in the protective presence of SO₂. Cold tank fermentation was undertaken at between 10 to 12 degrees celcius.

Pressings and free run were fermented separately but combined post fermentation. The pressings were put to barrel and stirred. After fermentation the parcels were combined, stabilised and filtered ready for bottling.

OAK MATURATION

No oak maturation.

ANALYSIS

Alcohol 13.0%

pH 3.43

Acid 5.11g/L

Sugar <1.0gm/L

COLOUR

Pale coral pink.

NOSE

A delicate nose of citrus and tangerine aromas, flowers and wet stone.

PALATE

Fresh and lively with citrus notes that combine beautifully with a mouth filling viscosity. The wine finishes crisp and long.

FOOD MATCH

Grilled barrumundi with fresh summer salad.

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2018 THE ROSE SHIRAZ



GRAPES

Shiraz

DISTRICT OF ORIGIN OF GRAPES

100% Heathcote

VINIFICATION

The grapes for this wine were hand picked from a combination of vineyards. They were all kept separately during their fermentation and maturation lives. The fruit was crushed and destemmed into two tonne open fermenters and hand plunged three times a day. After approximately ten days of fermentation, during which time the temperature and acid levels were monitored, they were individually pressed to tank using an air bag press. Finally the wine was racked off gross lees and put into barrel to finish malolactic fermentation and mature in a combination of new French and older barriques.

OAK MATURATION

20% new French oak component

ANALYSIS

Alcohol 14.5%
pH 3.49
Acid 6.07g/L
Sugar <1.0gm/L

COLOUR

Inky black cherry in colour.

NOSE

Intense nose with raspberries and rich ripe blood plums. Shaved dark chocolate and mocha with floral notes and freshly tilled earth.

PALATE

Blackberries, sweet liqueur and cream on the palate with fine grainy tannins. A beautifully integrated and complex wine. Excellent balance with fine lingering linear tannin.

FOOD MATCH

Roast leg of lamb with rosemary and garlic, winter vegetables and fresh crusty bread.

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

As with previous vintages, the grapes come from two main vineyards, one off the deep red Cambrian soil, the other from tougher more gravelly ground. The first gives us rich, chocolatey and earthy flavours whilst the other has more highly fragrant notes with good acid and sweet fruit. The wine that results is our take on Heathcote shiraz.

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2018 SHIRAZ



GRAPES

Shiraz

DISTRICT OF ORIGIN OF GRAPES

90% Heathcote, 10% Central Victoria

VINIFICATION

The grapes for this wine came from a combination of vineyards. They were all kept separate during their fermentation and maturation lives. The machine harvested volume was crushed and destemmed into static fermenters and pumped over twice a day. After approximately ten days of fermentation, during which time the temperature and acid levels were monitored, they were individually pressed to tank using an air bag press. Finally the wine was racked off gross lees and put into barrel to mature in a combination of new French and older barriques.

OAK MATURATION

20% new French oak component

ANALYSIS

Alcohol 14.2%

pH 3.59

Acid 6.31g/L

Sugar <1.0gm/L

COLOUR

Rich deep ruby red.

NOSE

Ripe black and red berry fruits with liquorice, with spice and warm earth.

PALATE

Rhubarb and mulberry flavours on the palate. Mouth filling with fine grainy tannins, well balanced with a clean finish.

FOOD MATCH

Chargrilled eye fillet with a fresh garden salad dressed with oil and balsamic vinegar.

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

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2018 TEMPRANILLO



GRAPES

Tempranillo

DISTRICT OF ORIGIN OF GRAPES

Heathcote

VINIFICATION

A combination of two vineyards from Heathcote. Grapes were crushed and de-stemmed into one static fermenter which was pumped over twice a day. During fermentation the temperature and acid levels were monitored constantly. The wine was pressed to tank using an air bag press then racked off gross lees and transferred to barrel to finish malolactic fermentation. It was left to mature in a combination of new French and older barriques. Bottled 13th February 2019.

OAK MATURATION

Approximately 10% new French oak component.

ANALYSIS

Alcohol 14.4%

pH 3.68

Acid 5.68g/L

Sugar <1.0gm/L

COLOUR

Deep ruby red.

NOSE

Savoury, fresh earth and mulberry/dark cherry notes on the nose with hints of pomegranate.

PALATE

Liqueur cherries, fig jam and sweet spice on the palate, plush and round. Well balanced with substantial cocoa powder tannin, the wine finishes rich and long.

FOOD MATCH

Grilled spiced lamb chops with vegetable ragout.

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

In contrast to the Nebbiolo and Sangiovese in our range, the Tempranillo is an early ripener and has no problem reaching full maturity in the soils at Heathcote.

Tempranillo is prone to developing big bunches and berries when grown in rich soil so the rather gravelly, tougher soil specific to Heathcote in particular, provides some restraint. Grown largely in the Rioja and Ribero del Duero regions of Spain, it is well suited to the warm, dry summers of Central Victoria.