



SILVER SPOON ESTATE

*Premium wines from the Heart of the
Heathcote Wine Region
Victoria Australia*



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About Us

Peter and Tracie Young are the owners and operators of Silver Spoon Estate, located on the renowned slopes of Mount Camel in the heart of the Heathcote Wine Region in Victoria, Australia.

The name *Silver Spoon* refers to an old silver mine that once existed on the property.

There are 20 hectares of vineyards planted to Shiraz, Viognier, Grenache, Mourvedre and Tempranillo, with the first vines planted in 1999.

We desire to produce wines of the highest quality using sustainable practices in the vineyard and winery that are environmentally friendly, economically viable, and socially responsible.

Silver Spoon Estate was the winner in the Environment and Sustainability category in the 2022 Be Bendigo Business Excellence Awards.

Peter has completed a Master of Wine Technology and Viticulture (Melbourne University), Master of Business Administration (Macquarie University), and Bachelor of Science with honours in Geology (Sydney University). He has over 15 years of experience in viticulture and winemaking.



Vineyards and Viticulture

The vineyards are situated in the deep, red soils derived from Cambrian volcanic rocks, for which Heathcote is famous.



The soils have excellent water-holding properties, which enable the vines to grow without irrigation. Our viticultural practices encourage the roots to grow deep into the soil, where there is a permanent supply of moisture and nutrients.

Sheep graze the property during winter, naturally transforming air, water, and grass into valuable soil nutrients, and reducing the need for mechanical equipment and artificial fertilisers.



The vines are pruned by hand, each vine is individually treated to optimise its potential. Harvesting is also performed by hand so that only high-quality grapes are selected, and bunches are retained intact until ready for processing.

Winemaking

The winery is operated completely off-grid, with solar panels and batteries providing more than 95% of the winery power requirements.



We believe that wines are principally made in the vineyard, and that traditional winemaking practices enable the expression of flavours unique to that season.



White wines and roses are pressed to separate the juice from the solids and fermented in stainless steel tanks to capture freshness and natural acidity.

Red wine is fermented in small open vats with daily hand plunging, followed by basket press and aging for 18 months in small format barrels. Each barrel is derived from the parcel from the vineyard block and the picking date so that a variety of flavours can be selected when finally blending.

In addition to power generation, state-of-the-art technologies are used for wine analysis, and record-keeping, to ensure that our products conform to the highest standards of quality.

2023 Cambrian White Viognier

The name *Cambrian White* pays tribute to a white wine being grown in the red Cambrian soils of Heathcote

Because our viognier vines are grown without irrigation, the wine has intense flavours and excellent natural acidity, and fermentation in stainless steel tank gives the wine a fresh, clean palate with well-defined aromatics.

2023: Gold Medal, 2024 Heathcote Wine Show

2022: Silver Medal, 2023 Heathcote Wine Show

2022: 90pts James Halliday Wine Companion 2024

Notes on the 2023 Vintage

The palate displays characteristic stone fruit flavours; pear and white peach, with a hint of crushed ginger on the finish. It's an excellent wine pairing for seafood and spicy foods.



Viognier Grapes

2023 Star Seeker Shiraz

Star Seeker refers to the stars visible in the clear night sky from the ridge on our property. A short distance away, the Astronomical Society of Victoria has constructed a telescope, and the site is popular for those wishing to explore the southern skies at night.

The Star Seeker Shiraz is a modern expression of shiraz. The grapes are harvested a little earlier to express red fruit flavours. New oak is used sparingly to allow the fruit to dominate the flavour. The resulting wine is bright and fresh, and has great cellaring potential.

Tasting notes of the 2023 vintage (Released May 2025)

Ruby red and bright in the glass, this wine has pleasing blueberry aromas and a burst of violets and plum on the palate. A versatile wine for your favourite pizza and pasta or steak.



Southern Cross Sky

2021 East meets West Shiraz

The name *East meets West* signifies that the wine is a blend of shiraz clones from the East and West sides of the ridge on the Estate. The East side receives the early morning sun and is protected from the late afternoon sun on hot summer days. The combination of clonal selection, varying harvest days, and the influence of climate helps produce a wine of great interest and complexity.

It's a classic Heathcote shiraz; full-bodied with layers of blood plum and spice and excellent cellaring potential. The wine is aged for 18 months with 20-30% new French oak, the tannins providing support and structure to the fruit.

2020: 94pts James Halliday Wine Companion 2024

2021: 93pts James Halliday Wine Companion 2025

Tasting notes on the 2021 Vintage

Impenetrable in dark purple hues. Equally dense and concentrated in aromas and flavours defined by ripe, dark fruits and dark spices and oak. Firm tannins and a meaty finish complete a wine that is full of flavour and rich in bold Heathcote personality.



Eastern Vineyard

2021 Ensemble Shiraz Viognier

The word *ensemble* is derived from the French word meaning “together, at the same time”. The wine is a blend of 95% shiraz and 5% viognier, crushed on the same day and co-fermented, and thus made together from the start.

The co-fermentation with viognier adds a vibrancy to the shiraz. There is a floral lift to the aromas, and the palate tends to be soft and juicy, less earthy than the 100% shiraz.

2018: 96pts Winestate Magazine 2022

2020: 92pts James Halliday Wine Companion 2024

2021: 90pts James Halliday Wine Companion 2025

Tasting notes on the 2021 Vintage

Plenty of depth, ripeness and sweetly aromatic. The two grapes bring out the best in each other. Violet, cherry, plum fruits and aniseed rise from the glass. There is good depth of flavour on show while also providing a bright juiciness.



View to the East with Off-Grid Winery

2022 The Monster Shiraz

The Monster Shiraz is the archetype of full-bodied, full-blooded shiraz.

The grapes for The Monster are picked from the west side of the ridge, harvested 7-10 days later than the other shiraz. The extra “hang time” helps develop big, bold, concentrated flavours. Careful blending with earlier-picked shiraz, before bottling, produces a soft, well-balanced flavour profile.

There is no shortage of people who love a well made, full bodied Heathcote Shiraz.

Across all vintages since the first release in 2015, The Monster Shiraz has a Vivino Rating of 4.3 stars, positioning it in the top 3% of all the wines in the world.

Tasting notes on the 2022 vintage

Full-bodied and dark garnet-coloured, this Monster displays aromas of plum, cedarwood and vanilla. The palate is generous and mouth-coating, with buckets of cardamon spice, cherry-choc-mint, and hints of dried flowers. The tannins settle gracefully on the palate, providing a long dry finish. Drink now or cellar for 10+ years.



Hand-picked shiraz grapes

2021 The Hallmark Shiraz

The hallmark was an official mark stamped by English silversmiths on their products to attest to their origin and purity. *The Silver Spoon Estate Hallmark Shiraz* is the super-premium shiraz produced from the finest parcels from a selected vintage and bears the stamp of quality of the best in Heathcote Shiraz.

Our shiraz is aged for 18+ months in small-format barrels and tanks, with each container bearing the clonal variety, the vineyard block, and the date of harvest. Three months before bottling, the barrels are sampled, and the best wine is reserved for Hallmark shiraz.

The Hallmark Shiraz typically shows great concentration of flavour with excellent balance and length, supported by 30% new French oak. The wine has the structural elements to age for 20 years or more.

2018: 98 pts, Gold Medal and 2nd place overall, Winestate World's Greatest Shiraz Challenge 2022

2018: 95pts James Halliday Wine Companion 2023

Notes on the 2021 Vintage (Just released)

It's full bodied, with aromas of rose petals, sour cherry, and plum. It's supple and velvet-like on the palate, with great length and elegance, and will age for 20+ years.



Packaging

Silver Spoon Estate began adopting the Narrow Neck Press and Blow (NNPB) glass bottle technology in 2021, and it is now standard packaging for all our still wines. NNPB produces bottles that are lightweight, high-strength, and have excellent appearance. The 750ml NNPB bottles weigh 27% less than standard punted burgundy bottles and 34% less than premium-punted burgundy bottles, without compromising wine quality. They also allow 33% more bottles stacked on a pallet, significantly reducing storage and transport costs.

Tamper-proof BVS screwcap technology is also employed on all our bottles, as it provides a consistent quality seal, improves protection from temperature fluctuations, and allows the bottles to be stored upright.

Bottles are packaged in 6-bottle upright cartons, with clearly marked Silver Spoon Estate branding to support ease of identification. The cartons are lightweight, compact, and easily stacked upright without affecting wine quality.



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