

TYRRELL'S



RUFUS STONE HEATHCOTE SHIRAZ 2018

Vineyard

24 year old plantings on ancient mineral laden Cambrian soil on the East facing slopes of mount Camel in central Victoria's Heathcote district.

Vintage Conditions

Near perfect, dry warm days with cool nights. Allowed the fruit to gain the ripe full flavour of modern Australian Shiraz while maintaining the fresh mineral line and tension of the classic European styles.

Winemaker's Notes

Perfect fruit arrived at the winery at 13 degrees celsius allowing a long controlled start to fermentation in opened topped vessels. 20 days on skins with a high percentage of whole berries, before maturation in French oak Barriques 20% new to add roundness lift and structure.

Tasting Notes

Full bodied style showing intense black plum aromas balanced by white pepper, mineral/slate tannins mix with spicy French oak to support and guide the volume of fruit. Dark chocolate ripe mulberry and plumb linger then finish fresh bright and 'moreish'.

Date Picked 1 March 2018 | Date Bottled 28 June 2019

Alc 14.5% | pH 3.51 | TA 6.52 g/L

THE STORY OF THE WINEMAKER'S SELECTION RANGE

Our top non-Hunter reds are named after the legend of the death of King William II, who was known as Rufus. He was supposedly killed by an errant arrow fired by Sir Walter Tyrrell whilst hunting in the New Forest. The site is today marked by a monument known as the Rufus Stone.

Heathcote is one of Australia's unique and exciting red wine areas. Its unique topography provides the combination of climate and ancient soils to produce Shiraz that are fully ripe with white pepper character, excellent acidity and fine grained tannins.