

DRAKE

Heathcote Shiraz 2019

Region:	Heathcote
Soil:	Clay & Limestone
Aspect:	East
Age:	30 years
Elevation:	260m
Grape Variety:	100% Shiraz
Winemaker:	Nicholas Crampton
Alcohol:	14.5%
Pack Size:	12 Bottle Pack

Drake: Drake was created by a motley group of winemakers and sommeliers, born from a shared belief in creating thought-provoking wines of individual character and expression. When looking for a satisfying rich and rewarding Shiraz to warm us on a cold Melbourne night we looked no further than the moderate climate and ancient Cambrian soils of Heathcote in Central Victoria.

2019 Vintage: A cool start to the growing season with plenty of rain events throughout Spring ensuring vine health and vitality was at an optimum. Although the Summer temperature was higher than normal, the region didn't experience any extreme heat days. The late start and the warm days delivered exceptionally complex, intensely flavoured berries whilst maintaining a fine natural acidity in most cases. Tannins and flavours achieved optimum ripeness and this should be considered a very good year.

Tasting Note: A satisfying opulent nose of berries tempered by sweet spice and a subtle earthy savouriness. The palate continues with a supple core of dark berry and blood plum fruits, underpinned by oak in the background, before velvety tannins and bright acidity shape the finish. A beautifully lush expression of Heathcote Shiraz that is a great by the glass option and perfect for mid-term cellaring. It would partner well with a barbecued rib-eye steak with a peppercorn sauce.

