



2010 COPPER BLOCK SHIRAZ

An outstanding wine that effortlessly achieves power and intensity and reflects the greatest expression of the variety from our Heathcote site. This wine presents a very textural palate of ripe dark currants and plums, charcuterie and dark chocolate that flows seamlessly across the tongue, and has an exquisitely perfumed bouquet of savoury dark fruits and multi-spices. Layers of totally integrated, fine grained tannins give great length and a persistence. A balanced wine that will reward with a long life.

WINEMAKING

Warm and dry conditions typified the growing season leading up to the 2010 harvest, with extreme heat in November just after flowering of the Shiraz. This allowed full regulation of berry size through deficit irrigation, resulting in small berries of considerable concentration.

One small rain event a week prior to harvest gave some respite, with the fruit being harvested at optimal ripeness on the 22nd February 2010, just prior to a prolonged wet period.

Fermented using indigenous yeasts and the inclusion of 30% whole bunches, which gave an extra dimension to both the nose and palate. One percent Viognier was also co-fermented with the Shiraz to enhance complexity and aromatic lift. 24 months of oak maturation followed, in new 16HL Italian coopered French oak.

VINEYARD NOTES

Crafted from one clone of Shiraz grown on the vineyards shallowest soils, soils rich in copper-infused Cambrian greenstone.

To reduce vigour, the vineyard is planted to a density of 4,545 vines per hectare, this also ensures low crop per vine of intensely flavoured grapes.

Grass planted in between the rows also reduces this vigour, as well as adding organic matter which improves the soil environment for the vines root activity.

Row orientation is east-west in order to protect the vines from the hot summer sun, and to prevent sun burn, as well as to preserve the vibrant flavours in the grapes.

VINTAGE & TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Winemaker:	Mark Walpole	PH:	3.55
Grape Variety:	99% Shiraz, 1% Viognier	TA:	5.91
Region:	Heathcote, Victoria	VA:	0.73
Closure:	Screw Cap	Alc/Vol:	13.5

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