

TYRRELL'S HEATHCOTE SHIRAZ, "RUFUS STONE"

100% Shiraz. The deep rich red color hints at the intensity of the wine. The nose is full of regional ripe plum and dark cherries with a pinch of white pepper and sweet vanillin. The flavors carry onto the palate, which is full of big soft fruit, balanced by regional minerality, elegant oak and natural acid. Rich wine with a complex and fresh structure.

Situated just over 100kms north of Melbourne, Heathcote was originally planted in the 1860's on some of Australia's oldest mineral rich land. It is now one of the most exciting red wine producing regions. The landscape of Central Victoria/Heathcote, a unique topography, comprises undulating rises and narrow alluvial floodplains providing the climate and soil for Shiraz vines to thrive, producing grapes that have the ability to fully ripen, yet retain excellent levels of natural acidity and fine-grained tannins. The soil type is red clay with Cambrian deep soil. The Climate is continental. Hot summers with cool nights and cool winters. It is irrigated by drip irrigation, channel water and bore water.

Established in 1858 by English immigrant Edward Tyrrell, Tyrrell's Wines is one of Australia's preeminent family owned wineries with vineyards extending from Hunter Valley to the Limestone Coast (SA) and Heathcote (VIC). Headed up by fourth generation family member Bruce Tyrrell, it is home to some of Australia's most awarded wines. Since 1971, Tyrrell's has been awarded over 5,000 trophies and medals and in 2010 was named "Winery of the Year" by James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion. With the fifth generation involved in the business, Tyrrell's will continue to remain family owned with the simple philosophy of producing high quality wine.

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Tasting Note:

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Shelf Talker:

