

TYRRELL'S WINES



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RUFUS STONE

HEATHCOTE SHIRAZ 2014



Vintage Conditions A typical warm dry summer leading into a cool harvest period. Good leaf to ripen the 2.5 tonne per acre, harvest started on the 14th March and ending on the 26th March.

Winemaker's Notes 20 years on from Tyrrell's first plantings in Heathcote. The grapes were harvested in the cool of the night at less than 12°C and transported to the Hunter Valley for vinification. Fermented for 2 weeks at the family's winery. The co-fermented Viognier (2%) adds lift and mid-palate roundness. 24 months in French oak barriques to mature and soften with 10% new oak to add lift and subtle structure.

"killed by an errant arrow, fired by Sir Walter Tyrrell"

Tasting Notes A darker, more restrained release after the opulent 2013 vintage. All of the hallmarks of classic Victorian Shiraz with an aromatic profile encompassing all of the spice cupboard, with the typical white pepper for which Heathcote is renowned. The palate shows an abundance of dark fruit with lovely integration between the French oak and acid. Drinking incredibly well on release, will age well in the medium term.

Date Picked 14 – 23 March 2014 | **Date Bottled** 17 June 2016

Alc 14.5% | **pH** 3.44 | **TA** 7.10 g/L

THE STORY OF RUFUS STONE

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.



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