



Sanguine

ESTATE

PROGENY SHIRAZ 2015 HEATHCOTE

THE VINEYARD

Our boutique vineyard and winery is a family enterprise intent on making concentrated, sophisticated and complex wines inspired by our unique Heathcote terroir, a fault line of ancient Cambrian red rock pulverised over 510 million years into soil.

We have utilised the vertical shoot positioning trellis system to open up the canopy, reduce the risk of disease and expose bunches to direct sun light for ripening. The vines are cane pruned to a single fruiting wire with a maximum 20 buds per vine. Crop levels are naturally low and hence bunch thinning is generally not required and irrigation kept to a minimum with some blocks unirrigated.

To conserve the natural balance within the soils and hence the overall health of the vines, we aim to minimise the use of chemicals. It is our practice to utilise organic principles in the first instance such as organic fertilisers and mulching to control weed growth and then if absolutely necessary, use small amounts of chemicals to target specific parts of the vineyard.

THE WINEMAKING

We utilise traditional winemaking practices that are labour intensive but within a modern understanding of its ways. The grapes that make up this blend were destemmed and then whole berries transferred to small open fermenters using gravity. The grapes fermented using their naturally occurring yeasts for anywhere between 8 to 30 days with each fermenter treated differently to provide added complexity in the resulting wine. The wine is then transferred via gravity (to avoid pump shock) to French oak barriques (approximately 20% new) and left to mature for approximately 18 months. Prior to bottling the individual varieties are carefully blended to produce a balanced wine.

TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol:	14.8%
Varietal composition:	100% Heathcote Shiraz



TASTING NOTES

Very dense aroma of blue fruits and blackberry with background savoury character of dry herb, spice, black pepper and rare meats.

Juicy rich fruit throughout with already well integrated tannin thanks to some careful blending of this early 2015 release. Long balanced palate with great intensity.