



SYRAHMI

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Syrahmi 2015 Granite Shiraz

Winemaker: Adam Foster **Grape(s):** Shiraz

GI: Heathcote

Site(s): Merindoc Vineyard in Tooborac

Vintage notes: 2015 was a very early and hot vintage, grapes were ripening at a rate that Foster had not seen in Heathcote before. Picking grapes with balance and acidity was the key. The last pick of the year from the southern most vineyards was the one and only that made it into Syrahmi 2015, with ripe shiraz grapes being picked at only 12.4 Baume.

Vineyard notes: The Merindoc Vineyard was planted in the rolling granite hills of Tooborac in 1997. 300 meters in elevation, north facing, north to south oriented. Tooborac is in the southern reaches of Heathcote, experiencing cooler overall temperatures than the rest of the region.

Winemaking: All fruit was hand-picked with 80% whole bunch inclusion. Wild yeast primary in an open concrete fermenter. No pumping, hand plunged only, 36 days on skins before pressing. Free run juice only used for this wine. Aged in used 2800L French foudres for 17 months. Wine is left on lees without racking then bottled unfinned and unfiltered with minimal SO₂.

Closure: Stelvin **ABV:** 13.4%

Winery tasting notes: Dark and deep brick red, a riot of perfume of ripe wild raspberries, crushed granite rock and wet earth, smoked bacon fat, cherries, bergamot tea and black olive paste create a sense of excitement. Lightness with finesse and elegance. Complex, dense medium weight palate with intense energy. Lifted perfume of black olive tapenade, smoked meats with red and blue fruits add to the fine boned tannin from the 80% whole bunch used. Long, complex with rich red fruits, finishing with salivating freshness from the driving acidity.

Label: Each year Adam sources from a different single vineyard in the Heathcote region and the resulting wine has a different name to reflect the vintage. This release is named Granite, reflecting the granite soils of the Merindoc vineyard.

Production size: 450 dozen