

Syrahmi 2018 XV Shiraz

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

GI: Heathcote **Site(s):** Carl Brown Vineyard in Colbinabbin

Vintage notes: A warm and dry start to the beginning of the year delivered significantly lower yields than an average harvest in the Heathcote wine growing region. The limited rainfall in spring and the extreme heat in Jan and Feb meant for smaller berries, which provided rich color and concentrated flavor. The days were hot but the nights were cool which gave the grapes time to retain freshness whilst slowly ripening.

Vineyard notes: Foster started working with Carl Brown back in 2015, immediately struck by his obsession with soil health and the care and management he puts into the vineyard; the vineyard is in fact the only certified organic vineyard in Heathcote. Planted in 2002 on south facing slopes at 200m in elevation, the vineyard sits on the classic Cambrian red basalt of Heathcote.

Winemaking: All fruit was hand-picked with 90% whole bunch inclusion. Wild yeast primary in an open concrete fermenter. No pumping, hand plunged only, 34 days on skins before pressing. Free run juice only used for this wine. Aged in used 2800L French foudres for 20 months. Wine is left on lees without racking then bottled unfiltered and unfiltered with minimal SO₂.

Closure: Stelvin **ABV:** 14.2%

Winery tasting notes: Dark and deep purple, a riot of perfume encompassing ripe wild blackberries, violets, baked red earth, black pepper and dried thyme. Smoked meats/charcuterie, bergamot tea and black olive create a sense of excitement and wondrous joy. Complex, dense weighted palate with intense energy. Lifted perfumes of black olive tapenade, smoked meats with compounded black fruits add to the ultra-fine savoury tannin. Long, deep and complex with rich dark fruits, the vintage style has left this wine with freshness and texture for a very long and bright future ahead.

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 XV, being the 15th vintage of Syrahmi Shiraz.

Production size: 450 dozen



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