

SYRAHMI

angus shiraz 2019



LEGEND
AUSTRALIAN WINE IMPORTS

Winemaker: Adam Foster

Grape(s): Shiraz

GI: Heathcote

Site(s): Carl Brown Vineyard in Colbinabbin

Vintage notes: According to Adam, the greatest vintage since he started making wine in Heathcote in 2003. The dry winter of 2018 forced an early spring, and the buds were bursting earlier than usual. A good amount of welcome rain followed in mid spring encouraging rapid but balanced growth. The hot spell early in the year accelerated ripening, but the balance of cool Heathcote nights and hot days made for exceptional growing conditions for shiraz.

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 95% 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:** 13.5%

Legend tasting notes: Dark and deep purple, a perfumed nose of mulled Davidson plum (a sour native fruit), violets, candied lavender, baked dark earth, pepper berry, dried thyme, smoked kangaroo, tobacco leaf and green olive. Complex, dense weighted palate with intense energy. Ultra-fine savory tannin, 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 Angus, after Adam and Pip's second son, born in 2019.

Production size: 450 dozen

Scores: 96 Points (Wine Advocate)