

SYRAHMI

home block high density shiraz 2021



LEGEND

AUSTRALIAN WINE IMPORTS

Winemaker: Adam Foster

Grape(s): Shiraz **GI:** Heathcote

Site(s): Home Block High Density Vineyard, Tooborac

Vintage notes: The 2021 season was about as close to ideal as possible. Winter began with good amounts of rainfall, followed by a mild and ordinary spring and summer without any notable heat spikes or weather events. The ripening came easy, and the fruit spoke for itself. Possibly one of the best vintages in recent memory for Heathcote.

Vineyard notes: The vineyard sits at 400m elevation in a natural, north-facing amphitheater next to Adam Foster's home in Tooborac. Three shiraz clones – PT10, 2626 and Mt Langi – were planted in 2017 from east to west across 0.35 hectares after much planning and hopes for the area's potential. With only 75cm between vines, Home Block is currently the most southerly, high altitude, and densely planted vineyard in Heathcote. All vines are on their own rootstock in decomposed granite soil with no clay, and a light 15-30cm of topsoil.

Winemaking: Fruit was picked in April. 50% was kept whole bunch, with wild yeast fermentation followed by malolactic fermentation. Open fermenter, with gentle foot stomping and hand plunging. Juice left on skins for 28 days before pressing. Matured in 675L flow form ceramic eggs. Wine is left on lees without racking for two years, then bottled unfinned & unfiltered with minimal SO₂ to age for a further 3 years in bottle.

Closure: Stelvin **ABV:** 13.4%

Tasting notes: Black pepper, sweet dark plum, and smoky hazelnut flavors create a complex and vibrant wine. Fine, integrated tannin with musky spice, red currants, and rosemary. Truly incredible concentration and balance from one of the best recent vintages in Heathcote.

Label Design: The soil seen on the label is what you see in the Home Block High Density vineyard, which is surrounded by giant granite boulders. They are a stunning allusion to 380 million years of erosion that have provided the decomposed granite found in the vineyard.

Production size: 160 dozen

Scores: 96 Points (James Halliday)