



2022 SEPPELT MT IDA HEATHCOTE SHIRAZ

THE MT IDA VINEYARD IS A PIONEERING HEATHCOTE VINEYARD PLANTED NEARLY 50 YEARS AGO IN 1975. DRY GROWN, IT IS LOCATED ON ANCIENT VOLCANIC SOILS IN THE SHADOW OF EXTANT VOLCANO MT IDA. SEPPELT MT IDA SHIRAZ IT IS PRODUCED IN SMALL QUANTITIES AND ONLY IN EXCEPTIONAL VINTAGES.

THE 2022 MOUNT IDA SHIRAZ EXPRESSES THE INTENSE COLOUR AND FLAVOUR HEATHCOTE SHIRAZ IS RENOWNED FOR, DISPLAYING THE REGIONAL CHARACTER DERIVED FROM THE FAMOUS RED CAMBRIAN SOILS OF THE AREA.

GRAPE VARIETY

100% Shiraz

WINEMAKING AND MATURATION

Fruit from the Mt Ida Vineyard was de-stemmed with no crushing, allowing a significant proportion of whole berries to remain. It was fermented in a small open fermenter for 9 days with gentle plunging and pumpovers. It was pressed early to allow some ferment in barrel followed maturation for 11 months in 300 L French oak hogsheads (11% new).

COLOUR

Deep garnet with lustrous crimson purple hues.

NOSE

An inviting and fragrant nose of dark plum and chocolate layered with earthy spice, ferrous elements and a mineral, shaley granite note.

PALATE

A very complete wine, well-balanced, even and fine with finely tuned tannins. Heathcote tannins give a sense of place. Meaty and mineral, quite textural and gravelly – a ferrous, svelte and fine palate. A distinct fruit sweetness on the front palate with ripe red cherry.

VINEYARD REGION

Sourced exclusively from the Mt Ida Vineyard, Heathcote.

VINEYARD CONDITIONS

Heathcote experienced below average winter rainfall and a warmer than average growing season. The dry grown Mt Ida block was fruit thinned accordingly to ensure balanced growth in tough conditions and this work resulted in excellent quality in the resulting wine in what had the potential to be a difficult season

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

pH: 3.56

Acidity: 6.4 g/L

Alcohol: 14.5%

Peak Drinking: 2024-2032

