



# 2019 SEPPELT MT IDA HEATHCOTE SHIRAZ

SEPPELT MT IDA IS SOURCED FROM THE EXTRAORDINARY SHIRAZ GROWING REGION OF HEATHCOTE IN CENTRAL VICTORIA. PRODUCED IN SMALL QUANTITIES AND ONLY IN EXCEPTIONAL VINTAGES, THIS WINE IS NAMED AFTER OUR DRY-GROWN MOUNT IDA VINEYARD PLANTED IN 1975, ONE OF THE PIONEERING VINEYARDS IN THE REGION.

THE 2019 MOUNT IDA SHIRAZ EXPRESSES THE INTENSE COLOUR AND FLAVOURS HEATHCOTE SHIRAZ IS RENOWNED FOR AND DISPLAYS 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, then fermented on skins in open fermenters for 9 days with gentle plunging, followed by maturation for 14 months in 225 litre French oak barrels (40% new).

## COLOUR

Deep garnet with crimson hues.

## NOSE

The nose exhibits enticing aromas of dark plums and chocolate layered with earthy spice and ferrous elements

## PALATE

Dark fleshy fruit, especially blackberry and plum underpin a palate that is both savoury and tightly wound. Granitic tannins add length and structure whilst Ferric notes and well-integrated, cedary oak adds complexity and depth

## VINEYARD REGION

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

**Harvest date:** 6th March 2019

**pH:** 3.62

**Acidity:** 5.8 g/L

**Alcohol:** 14%

**Residual Sugar:** 0.6 g/L

**Peak Drinking:** 2030

