

TYRRELL'S



RUFUS STONE HEATHCOTE SHIRAZ 2024

Vineyard

This 30-year-old Heathcote vineyard is situated on a strip of ancient Cambrian soil on the east facing slopes of Mount Camel in Central Victoria, north of the Heathcote township. These ancient soils are synonymous with the region and gives the wine its unique structure.

Vintage Conditions

A wet winter replenished water supplies, while a warm spring and summer with little to no rain allowed the fruit to ripen perfectly. Smaller berries and lower crop levels maintained the fresh mineral line and richer fruit style typical of the region.

Winemaker's Notes

The fruit arrived at the winery in perfect condition at 13°C which allowed for a long, controlled start to fermentation in opened topped vessels. It was destemmed, not crushed and left for 20 days on skins with 25% remaining on skins for 40 days, before maturation in French oak Barriques to add roundness, lift and structure.

Tasting Notes

Full bodied style showing intense black plum aromas balanced by white pepper, mineral/slate tannins mix with spicy French oak to support and guide the volume of fruit. Dark chocolate, ripe mulberry and plum linger but finish fresh, bright and pure.

Date Picked 4-14 March 2024 | **Date Bottled** 2 September 2025

Alc 14.8% | **pH** 3.46 | **TA** 6.95 g/L

THE STORY OF RUFUS STONE

In the year 1100, an errant arrow fired by Sir Walter Tyrrell, an ancestor of the Tyrrell family, killed King Rufus II. Today the site of this infamous 'accident' is marked by the Rufus Stone.

Sourced from a vineyard in Heathcote, Victoria established in 1994 by the Tyrrell family. Planted in ancient 600-million-year-old Cambrian soils that are synonymous with the region and gives the wine its unique structure. Offering the richness of the 'expected' full-bodied Australian Shiraz style, coupled with elegance and brightness, the stamp of the Tyrrell's red winemaking philosophy.