

# TELLURIAN

HEATHCOTE



## 2014 PASTICHE HEATHCOTE SHIRAZ

### THE VINEYARD

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The 2014 Pastiche is a blend of Shiraz from two blocks on our estate vineyard in Tranter Rd, Toolleen, on the western slopes of the Mount Camel range. The vineyard is planted on the deep, rich, Cambrian soil for which the region is renowned, and we believe this is a major contributor to the flavour intensity and structure of the wine.

The Tellurian vineyard has four distinctive shiraz blocks, all providing a slight difference in aspect and vineyard set up. The 2014 Pastiche Shiraz includes fruit from Block 3 (planted 2003; 13 acres; East-West rows; own roots) and Block 2 (planted 2002; 17 acres; East-West rows; own roots).

The vineyard is carefully managed to achieve optimal vine balance and to ensure exceptional fruit quality by using techniques such as shoot positioning, shoot thinning, fruit thinning, green harvesting and multiple picking passes.

### THE VINTAGE

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The 2014 season started with good winter rainfall but this was followed by a dryer than average spring. Despite the lack of rain, vine growth was good and thanks to the fine weather, we had a good fruit set. Hot weather in January and February accelerated the ripening, which started slightly ahead of normal. Quality was excellent across all varieties. The Shiraz grapes were harvested between 25th to 28th February, between 13.7 and 14.0 baume.

### THE WINEMAKING

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Tellurian Winemaker Tobias Ansted's philosophy is one that aims to allow the fruit to have full expression with winemaking and oak inputs playing a supporting role.

The majority of grapes were de-stemmed and fermented in a combination of stainless steel and concrete fermenters, with hand plunging or pump overs once to twice per day. Approximately 12% of the grapes were fermented as whole bunches. The wine was fermented on skins to dryness, between 19-23 days, before being pressed to barrel. Maturation was in mostly French oak (90%) and American (10%) oak barrels for 10 months and included a small portion new oak (10%).

### THE WINE

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This wine is a vibrant expression of Heathcote Shiraz relying on intense fruit combined with subtle oak. Bright red purple colour. The nose displays aromas of blackberry, clove spice with hints of cocoa and earthy notes. The medium bodied palate is bright, lively with juicy dark berry fruit intensity, fine grippy tannins and persistent length.

ANALYSIS - Alcohol: 14.2%