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BLK + BLU [BLEND NO.4] SHIRAZ CABERNET

Vintage	2023
Producer	Aberdeen Wine Company
Grower	Bryan Ellis
Viticulturist	William Francis
Winemaker	Hamish MacGowan
Vineyard	Ellis Farm
Varieties	Shiraz 54% + Cabernet 46%
Region	Heathcote 100%



WINEMAKING

The 2023 vintage will be remembered in Heathcote for its "La Nina" weather conditions accompanied by higher than average rainfall early in the season. Harvest was completed under unusually cool conditions resulting in a late ripening vintage with low yields and superb quality.

Sourced entirely from the Ellis family vineyard. These vines are planted on the prized ancient red Cambrian soils of Heathcote (said to be among the oldest soil in the world—over 500 million years).

The shiraz fruit was first to be harvested, followed by the cabernet several weeks later. Both parcels fermented separately on skins in stainless steel for a period of 14 days. Pressed, blended and then transferred for maturation in 100% American oak.

TASTING NOTES

Inky purple red. Bright fleshy youthful palate with an abundance of warm/rich fruit. Succulent raspberry and black cherry flavours, a touch of pastille with a hint of mint and the classic signature eucalyptus of Heathcote. A brooding and indulgent combination of black and blue fruits gently easing into textural slippery tannins. All wrapped up in a sweet core of attractive coconut oak and baked spice.

Alcohol: 14.5% pH: 3.60 TA: 6.45 g/L RS: 0.55 g/L

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