



## 2013 'The Heir' Syrah

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### Tasting Note

The Heir is our young pretender - first made to celebrate the coming of age of our most precious Shiraz vines. Showcasing our uniquely elegant style, The Heir is a perfect balance of power and restraint. Savour its heady flavours of cassis and mocha, its classic earthy undertones, its subtle smoky French oak notes, all interwoven with a fine tannic structure.. Enjoy in its youth or appreciate its softer side in years to come - the choice is yours.

Varietal: Syrah

Vintage: 2013

Region: McLaren Vale

ALC/VOL: 14.5%

Winemaker: Scott Rawlinson

### Our Vineyards

Fruit for The Heir comes from a single block at the top of our steep 64 acre vineyard, located in the southern foothills of the McLaren Vale region. Its unique position, just 2km away from the coast of the Gulf St Vincent, allows the vines to benefit from a maritime climate with cooling afternoon sea breezes coming in from the south west. These breezes prevent our fruit from over-ripening so that we are able to produce elegant wines that balance rich primary fruit flavours with the characteristic earthiness and minerality associated with the region.

### Winemaking Notes

'The Heir' is produced from a blend of some of our finest barrels of Syrah fruit using traditional labour-intensive methods. The 2013 vintage was matured for a period of 2 years in fine-grained French oak hogsheads (40% new) prior to careful blending and bottling. The wine is neither fined nor filtered so that the integrity and unique flavour profile of the fruit can shine through.

### Vintage Overview

2013 was a warm vintage with an almost perfect combination of warm days and mild nights during the ripening period. Yields were slightly below average because of long dry spells through spring and summer, however the flavours in the fruit were both rich and intense. Vintage itself was fairly condensed with a narrow window for picking. Overall quality is high.

### Accolades

94 Points - James Halliday Wine Companion 2018

*"Aged for 24 months in subtle French oak, 40% new and of a larger format than that used for the Shiraz, this is densely furled and altogether more carnal in its aromatic florals, cinnamon spice and smoked meat aromas, tinged with a hint of reduction, than its softer brethren. Boysenberry and other blue drift across the rich palate. Grippy and in need of time."*

