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# Wild Duck Creek

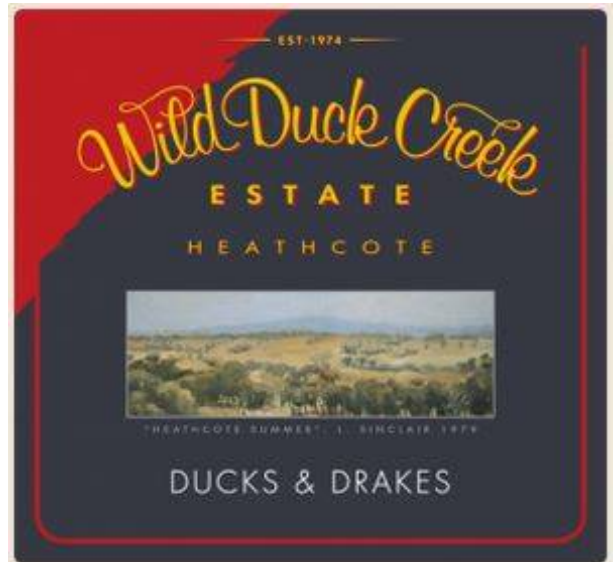
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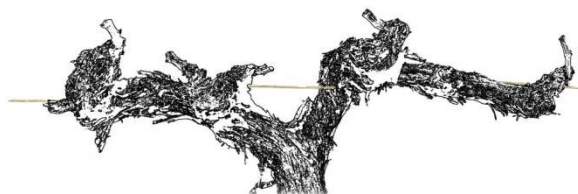
## 2012 Ducks & Drakes

**Tasting note:** – A wine of refinement and finesse whilst being succulent and powerful is the best way to describe Ducks and Drakes. Made primarily of Cabernet Sauvignon (>90%) from Ian & Lynn Rathjen’s vineyard, which is abundant in natural tannins, it also has a small parcel of carefully selected Shiraz blended to give a succulent mid-palate. This wine, like Springflat Shiraz, is matured in up to 40% new French and American oak hogsheads for 22 months.

<b>Grape Variety:</b>	90% or more Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% or less Shiraz
<b>Alcohol:</b>	15% Vol
<b>Oak Treatment:</b>	22 months in 40% new French & American hogsheads



*Wild Duck Creek Estate is a small family-run winery situated 8km west of Heathcote, alongside the Wild Duck Creek itself. David (aka 'Duck') and Diana planted the first vines in 1974 and in 1979 named the first vineyard "Alan's Cabernet Vineyard", after Duck's late father Alan. The "Original Vineyard" was planted in 1988 on land owned by Diana's parents. Traditional winemaking methods including hand-picking, open fermentation, hand-plunging, basket-pressing, and long-term barrel-ageing are fostered, as is the use biodynamic principles on their own vineyards. Duck remains adamant however, that it's still the vineyard and site selection especially, that dictate great wines. Second-generation winemaking has flourished for more than a decade through Liam, whose methodical yet innovative approaches merge fantastically with Duck's eccentricity – a humorous and brilliant concoction! The estate's passion is to produce extraordinary wines of balance and power that enrich and delight the senses.*



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