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Wild Duck Creek

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HEATHCOTE

2018 Springflat Shiraz

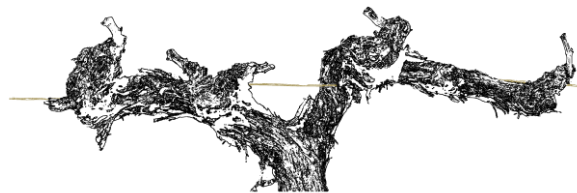


Tasting note: There is a 'brilliance' to the colour of this wine, really purple with a red hue. Taken from four sites, 60% of the blend comes from the south of Heathcote and the remainder from the northern sites. Combination of American and French oak, 45% being new. The wine evokes childhood memories of strawberry and cream lollies. It has it all. The palate is dense and luxurious, reminiscent of fresh pastries from a French Boulangerie, combining creaminess and silky red fruit. Complexity abounds here, with bright natural acids giving a lovely clean finish. Utterly drinkable now, but you'll want to save some for later.

Cellaring for 12 - 18 years. 15.9% alc. 100% Shiraz.

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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