

HEARTLAND

2007 Shiraz



Heartland Wines was created by a small group of leading South Australian wine identities. The directors include winemaker Ben Glaetzer and wine industry professionals Grant Tilbrook and Vicki Arnold.

All Heartland wines are made with fruit from the directors' own, mature vineyards at Limestone Coast (23km north of Padthaway) and Langhorne Creek (east of Adelaide, on the Fleurieu Peninsula – one of Australia's oldest wine regions).

Variety: Shiraz 100%

Region: 66% Langhorne Creek, 34% Limestone Coast

Soil: Langhorne Creek: Sandy loam.
Limestone Coast: Grey marl over deep limestone

Vinification:

The wine was pumped over twice a day and spent ten days on skins. Fermentation with Rhône isolate yeast was at 18°-24°C. Extended maceration resulted in savoury, long-chain tannins which gives a soft, approachable palate and enables mid-term cellaring. The wine spent 12 months in oak, and was bottled early to maintain the fresh, lifted fruit character on the nose which comes from the Langhorne Creek component.

Tasting notes:

A dark, rich purple colour. This delicious shiraz has hints of chocolate, truffle and tobacco leaf on the nose. Plums, blackcurrant and spice flavours abound on the palate and are perfectly balanced by fine, supple tannins.

2007 Vintage:

Langhorne Creek experienced a dry, mild season with consistent sunny days followed by cool nights, which allowed for ideal ripening. Most vineyards showed smaller canopies, low yields, small bunches and berry size.

Drought and frost reduced the yield in Limestone Coast by 50%. At Heartland we had very little frost damage and the reduction in yield resulted in some excellent fruit. Overall, 2007 reds ripened slowly and have fantastic colour with fleshy, rounded tannins and impressive structure.

Alc/Vol:	14.5%	Maturation Vessel:	100% oak
Total Acidity:	6.7 g/l	Oak Type:	80% French, 20% American
PH:	3.3	Age of barrels:	3-5 yr old hogsheads
Residual sugar:	0.5g/l	Time in barrel:	12 months
Age of vines:	16-18 years		
Vineyard yields:	4-5 tonnes/ha (1.7-2 tons/acre)		