

Carlei Vat 258 Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2017

Variety:	Shiraz (Rutherglen) Cabernet Sauvignon (Heathcote)
Vintage:	2017
Harvest date:	Various dates in February and March
Vineyard location:	1. Rutherglen 2. Heathcote
Pedology:	1. Gravelly loams over yellow-red clays. 2. Red Cambrian Soils
Oenological Data:	Harvest Baumé – 14.0 to 14.5 Total acidity – 7.35 g/l pH – 3.56
Residual Sugar:	less than 4 g/l Alcohol – 14.7% Alc/vol
Case production:	2238 dozen

Winemakers' Notes: In a cooler year like 2017, the warmer regions presented more elegant wines. A blend Shiraz 50% and Cabernet Sauvignon 50%. A combination of different fermentation techniques using selected yeast strains and indigenous strains (natural) in 10 tonne wood fermenters for the various batches of fruit contributed to this final blend. The use of open large French oak and closed stainless steel vats with prolonged maceration times varying from 12 to 30 days resulting in different extraction profiles has produced a wine of complexity and balance. The wine was aged for a period of 12 months in some new and old French oak barrels, then transferred to stainless tanks to harmonize the wine.

Tasting Note: This wine is from our vineyards across our stable in Victoria. Being predominantly warm climate (below 200 metres), the wine has lovely lifted aromas of ripe dark red & black berry fruits, including black currant, cassis with a hint of black pepper spice and tobacco notes which makes the aroma and palate vibrant, interesting and enjoyable. There is less of the "sweet" character. The palate is rich in intense sweet fruits and balanced acidity but soft vanilla oak tannin to enjoy now as a youthful wine or can be laid down to enjoy in many years to come. A wine made for pure enjoyment.

Cellaring: 10 years, if you can resist it now!



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