



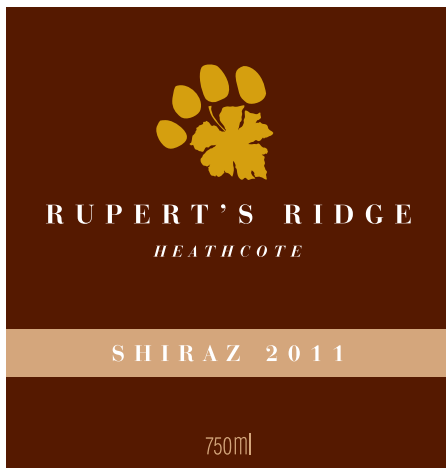
RUPERT'S RIDGE

HEATHCOTE

Estate Vineyard & Retreats

2011 RUPERT'S RIDGE SHIRAZ

Tasting notes



REGION

Redesdale is at the southern end of the Heathcote region, 120kms north east of Melbourne. Rupert's Ridge is situated in the low-lying hills of Redesdale at an elevation of 300 metres. The vines are planted on the north facing slopes of the property and provide the fruit for all of the wines produced at Rupert's Ridge.



VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Spring was much cooler and wetter than normal. Thunderstorms and higher than average rainfall continued throughout the growing season and contributed to significant canopy health. The culmination of consistent rainfall events and high humidity meant that Downy mildew pressures were high. The widespread rainfall was to cover a large part of the east coast of Australia with many areas experiencing the worst floods on record. Hand picked.

WINE MAKING

100% de-stemmed and fermented in small open vats with natural yeast. Hand plunged gently for colour extraction. On lees for 3 weeks, then gently membrane pressed and racked to oak after settling. Barrel maturation was conducted in quality French oak for 18 months.

WINE ANALYSIS

A beautifully balanced wine packed with flavour and complexity; this is an excellent example of Southern Heathcote Shiraz. Intense dark plum flavours are given a subtle lift from the well-integrated French oak.

NO. CASES PRODUCED 120 (6 PACKS)

Alc/Vol: 13.0%

pH: 3.53 pH

Picking Date: 26 March 2011



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