



PEREGRINE RIDGE

2006 Peregrine Ridge Limited Release Heathcote Shiraz

“Leaning toward a more savoury style, with hints of chocolate, licorice and mint and fruity overtones.” WINESTATE September/October 2010

Region: Heathcote, Victoria

Winemakers: Graeme Quigley & Sue Kerrison

Background: Our “Limited Release” is a single vineyard, barrel selected wine based on the use of French oak barrels. Small parcels of fruit were carefully selected during the winemaking process and matched to barrel at the press. The 2006 was matured in 50% new and 50% second use barrels for 23 months prior to bottling. The aim of the wine is to showcase what can be achieved with our unique terroir on the east side of the Mt Camel Range 25km north of Heathcote. The grapes were picked over a 2 week period from 26 March to 9 April at the optimum ripeness for each block. All fruit was small batch fermented for between 10 and 16 days and then immediately pressed via basket press to barrel.

Vintage conditions: 2006 was a slightly warm year following a slightly wet weather pattern in spring 2005. Vine growth was strong with very even growth of shoots and no thinning required. Summer was typically warm with steady ripening through February and March, and a sudden cooling in early April. These growing conditions have produced a wine with intense dark plum, dark cherry and blackberry characters and high natural acidity.

Colour: Dark red to garnet with purple to garnet hue.

Nose: Spicy with hints of cinnamon and a touch of eucalypt and tart raspberries leading to dark cherries, blackberries, dark plums and mulberries. There is an integrated mix of spice and savoury oak, with dark chocolate undertones.

Palate: Rich dark plums, dark cherries and blackberries dominate the palate, with superbly integrated oak providing the length and persistence that is the hallmark of this wine style. The front palate provides a spicy introduction to a long and persistent after palate with developed, silky tannins and a dark chocolate finish. This is a medium to full bodied wine.

Alc/Vol: 14.3%v/v

Bottled under screw cap and cork

Packed in 12x750ml & 6x750ml cartons



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