



PEREGRINE RIDGE

## 2006 Peregrine Ridge Winemaker's Reserve Heathcote Shiraz

**Bright colour; quite dark and savoury aromas with leather, spice and chocolate framing red and blue fruit; the palate is very fresh, and belies the slightly forward nature of the bouquet; bright acid, and fine, almost slippery, tannins on the finish.**

JAMES HALLIDAY AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION 2011 Edition

**Region:** Heathcote, Victoria

**Winemakers:** Graeme Quigley & Sue Kerrison

**Background:** Our "Winemaker's Reserve" is a single vineyard, barrel selected wine based on the use of French oak barrels. Small parcels of fruit are carefully selected during the winemaking process and matched to barrels at the press. The 2006 was matured in 100% new oak for 23 months prior to bottling. The aim of the wine is to showcase what can be achieved with the very best fruit grown on 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 14 days and 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 blackberry, dark cherry and dark plum characters and high natural acidity.

**Colour:** Glass staining deep purple with purple to garnet hue.

**Nose:** Intense blackberry, dark cherry and dark plum fruits with savoury oak and a hint of earthiness.

**Palate:** Intense blackberry, dark cherry and dark plum, with a hint of fresh raspberries. This wine is enhanced by silky tannins and superbly integrated new French oak. A wine of great finesse with a long, persistent finish. Drink to beyond 2020.

**Alc/Vol:** 15.2%v/v

**Bottled under screw cap and cork**

Packed in 6x750ml cartons



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