

PEREGRINE RIDGE

Peregrine Ridge Non-Vintage Sparkling Shiraz C4-D1

Region: Heathcote, Victoria

Winemakers: Graeme Quigley & Sue Kerrison

Background: Our "Non-Vintage Sparkling Shiraz" is a single vineyard sparkling, produced in the traditional method. The wine is blended from rich, robust 2013 Shiraz and fine, elegant 2014 Shiraz. The cuvee was matured in 10% new, 20% second use and 70% seasoned French and American oak for 28 months (2013 component) and 16 months (2014 component) prior to bottling and then bottle fermented for a further 36 months, to enable the cuvee to fully develop its bottle fermentation characteristics. A small quantity of estate grown fortified Shiraz was used to dosage this wine, which adds richness and complexity. This wine showcases the diversity of styles that can be achieved on our unique terroir on the east side of the Mt Camel Range 25km north of Heathcote. The grapes were hand picked at the optimum ripeness for each block, then small batch fermented and immediately pressed to barrel for maturation.

Vintage conditions:

2013 was a warm season that followed a cool, wet spring. Vine growth was moderately vigorous throughout the vineyard. Summer was generally warm to hot and relatively dry throughout the ripening season. This produced small, concentrated berries with rich plum fruit flavours.

2014 was a warm season that followed good spring rains. Vine growth was slightly vigorous throughout the vineyard. Summer was generally warm with good soil moisture retained throughout the ripening season. This produced small, concentrated berries with blackberry, dark cherry and plum flavours.

Blending fruit from these two vintages has produced a medium weight, elegant sparkling shiraz, with high natural acidity and spicy fruit characteristics.

Colour: Dark red to garnet with a crimson hue.

Nose: Blackberries and sweet spicy plums, with a hint of vanilla.

Palate: Sweet blackberries and dark plums, with hints of sweet spice and a soft, lingering finish. This is a stylish, medium bodied wine that is best served chilled.

Alc/Vol: 13.9% Bottled under diam Packed in 6x750ml cartons

