

Tyrrell's

Named for the medieval Rufus Stone tale linking the Tyrrell family to King William II, this wine carries a legacy of pioneering Australian Shiraz grounded in regional typicity and consistent, ageworthy craftsmanship.

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Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Syrah

Rufus Stone Shiraz 2024

Victoria, Australia

Region and Vineyards

Heathcote sits in central Victoria, its vineyards strung along the **Mount Camel Range**. Prevailing cool south to south-easterly winds tunnel through the range from October to March, moderating summer heat; mean summer highs trend 2-3 °C lower than nearby Bendigo. Rainfall is relatively even and hillside sites suffer little frost, yielding a long, steady ripening season ideal for Shiraz.

Rufus Stone is drawn from Tyrrell's Heathcote vineyard, planted in **1994** on east-facing slopes of the range. The soils are classic **Cambrian** red-brown earths over greenstone—ancient, iron-rich and free-draining—producing Shiraz with deep colour, black-fruit intensity and a distinctive pepper-mineral thread. Vintage 2021 enjoyed excellent winter rains and a mild, stress-free season, allowing harvest at optimal ripeness across individual blocks.

Winemaking

Grape variety: **100% Shiraz**. Parcels were fermented in a combination of open and closed fermenters to balance aromatic lift with colour and tannin extraction. Maturation followed in predominantly **French oak barriques** for **12 months**, with approximately **15% new** oak, before bottling on 31 January 2022. Key figures: **14.5% vol.**, **pH 3.49**, **TA 6.34 g/L**.

The approach emphasises fruit definition and regional spice over heavy oak. French oak frames the dark-berry core without dominating; the 2021 shows the line and length typical of Heathcote, with polished tannins and freshness that support mid-term cellaring.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep ruby-purple with an inky core and bright, youthful rim.
- **Aroma**: Black cherry, mulberry and plum layered with violet, white pepper, clove, cracked graphite and a hint of dark chocolate.
- **Palate**: Medium to full-bodied and flowing; concentrated black-fruit intensity meets savory spice, fine-grained tannins and vibrant acidity. Long, even finish with cocoa, pepper and a subtle ferrous echo.

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Did you know?

The name **Rufus Stone** recalls the 1100 AD incident in England's New Forest, where Sir Walter Tyrrell—an ancestor of the Tyrrell family—loosed the arrow that felled King William II ("Rufus"). The commemorative stone inspires this label's storytelling spirit.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Chargrilled ribeye with peppercorn sauce** - robust protein and pepper sync with the wine's spice and firm yet polished tannins.
- **Smoky barbecue lamb shoulder** - slow-cooked richness and herbal rub echo Heathcote's savory, peppery profile.
- **Peking duck pancakes** - sweet-savory glaze and aromatics harmonise with dark fruit, spice and supple texture.
- **Aged cheddar** - umami depth and crystalline bite complement the wine's structure and long finish.



Decanter (DCT) : 91 Points (2021)

The 2021 Rufus Stone Shiraz has collected four gold medals at international wine shows in the USA and Europe. The fruit was sourced from Heathcote, in Victoria. It was fermented in a combination of open and closed top fermenters, then matured in French oak barriques (20% new) for 12 months. The Cambrian red soils, upon which these vines are planted, impart a red earth rusticity to the shimmering black fruit. Ths is delicious, supple, juicy Shiraz full of mulberries, blackberries, raspberries and a hint of licorice.