

# TELLURIAN

## HEATHCOTE



### BLOCK 3 SR SHIRAZ 2014

*Since first vintage in 2008, we have seen remarkable differences across Shiraz Block 3 at Tranter Rd between Short Rows (SR) low on the hill and Top of the Long Rows (TLR) high on the slope. Short Rows is darker with wonderful intensity and power without being heavy. A single Tranter shiraz component showing fascinating influence of “terroir”. Cellar 10 - 15 years.*

#### VINEYARD

Block 3 of our Tellurian vineyard growing in Cambrian soils formed over 500 million years. Deep, rich, decomposed greenstone rock and limestone with soil depths between 1.2 to 2m allow roots to reach deep, while relatively low fertility controls vigor and yield.

#### VINTAGE

2014 season started with good winter rainfall followed by a dryer than average spring. Despite lack of rain, vine growth was good, and thanks to the fine weather, good fruit set. Warm days in January and February accelerated ripening, which started slightly ahead of normal.

#### WINEMAKING

Fruit 100% de-stemmed, fermented in 2 year-old 5000L French oak. Grapes fermented on skins for 28 days to dryness with hand plunging or pump overs twice daily. 17 months in large format French oak, 50% new.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

Dark crimson. Nose opens with brooding aromas of blueberry, blood plum, earth and dark cocoa. Intense dark fruit floods a lush palate all held in check by grainy tannins. Finishes with great length, flavour intensity, without heaviness.

VINE CANOPY	VSP Vertical Shoot Position
PRUNING	Spur, 4 bud per arm, 2 shoots per bud
FARMING	In transition to Organic
HARVEST	Picked 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2014
BAUME	14
MATURATION	17 months French Oak. 50% new
ANALYSIS	Alcohol: 14.5%   Acidity: 5.5   pH: 3.67
BOTTLING	20 <sup>th</sup> August 2015