

# HEATHCOTE TELLURIAN

## GSM 2021

*Heathcote's warm days, cool nights and ancient Cambrian soils bring out the best in these varieties, the backbone of the Rhone Valley reds. Medium-bodied, Tellurian GSM balances the softness and elegance of grenache with structure and savoury characters of shiraz and mourvèdre.*



### VINTAGE

VINTAGE 2021	The 2021 season started promisingly with good winter and early spring rainfall. The vines grew strongly throughout spring helped by rainfall that was moderate but well timed. From early December things dried out and we feared that the vines might hit a wall before harvest. Despite very dry conditions continuing into the new year we were saved by the fact that the usual run of hot weather in late January and into February didn't eventuate. In the end fruit quality was excellent across most varieties despite yields being low.
VINTAGE INFLUENCE	Early warmth and rainfall allowed a steady development in the vines, while an uncharacteristically mild end to vintage allowed more fruit flavour and intensity to develop. Wine quality is excellent in both reds and whites.

### VINEYARD

BLEND	50% Grenache, 35% Shiraz and 13% Mourvèdre 2% Carignan.	
SOIL	Red clay with sub soil interspersed with high stone content. Cambrian era. 500+ million years old decomposed greenstone rock.	
FARMING	Organically certified	
PRUNING	VSP Vertical Shoot Position	
HARVEST	24 <sup>th</sup> February – 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	BAUME: 13.5 – 14.5

### WINEMAKING

WINEMAKING	De-stemmed, crushed to open top fermenters.		
FERMENTATION	Grapes harvested separately at ripeness, each parcel fermented in small open top fermenters. Shiraz fermented on skins for 9-11 days, grenache 10-12 days, and mourvèdre 14 days. All ferments hand plunged or air mixed up to twice a day.		
MATURATION	10 months maturation in seasoned French oak barriques prior to filtration.		
FINISHING	Cross flow filtered, un-fined, prior to bottling. Vegan friendly.		
ANALYSIS	Alcohol: 14.6%	Acidity: 5.4	pH: 3.45
BOTTLING	21 <sup>st</sup> December 2021	RRP \$31.00	