



PAUL OSICKA WINES

Paul Osicka Wines was started by former Czech Vigneron Paul Osicka in 1955 and is the longest established wine producer in the Heathcote Wine Region. The wine is estate grown, made and bottled by Paul and Simon Osicka, the second and third generations involved in the business. The vines are grown without irrigation on sandy loam soil over quartz and red ironstone gravels. The vines are hand pruned, shoot thinned, fruit thinned and the grapes are hand picked and sorted to achieve optimum fruit quality. These factors combine to produce small, intensely flavoured and coloured grapes necessary to make premium wines. The use of synthetic chemicals to manage the vineyard is kept to a minimum to promote better soil and vine health.

2015 HEATHCOTE SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER'S NOTES:

The 10 Ha of our single vineyard mature (60 year old) dry grown Shiraz was hand picked in separate parcels, reflecting the different soil types. Each parcel imparts its own character into the final blend. The wines were fermented in one and two tonne open fermenters using different treatments including some inclusion of whole bunches on a couple of parcels. The wines all spent between 3 to 4 weeks on skins before being batched based on specific soil type in the vineyard. They were then matured in French oak Hogsheads (25 % new) for about 16 months prior to blending and bottling.

We are quite excited by the red wines out of 2015, which have purity, concentration and balance. The nose is vibrant with blue fruits and Dutch liquorice, then complexing characters of dark pepper, graphite, cedar and exotic spices. The palate is initially quite juicy and flavoursome with silky tannins. Then it becomes more savoury textured as a core of dark fruits and chocolate underpinned by cedary oak and tannin carries through to the finish.

Simon Osicka

"ONE OF THE BEST WINERIES OF THE REGIONS, 5 RED STAR WINERY"

James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2014 – 2017

"THE OSICKA REDS RARELY LEAVE ROOM FOR ANY DOUBT."

Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front, April 2016

"ONE OF THE BEST CENTRAL VICTORIA PRODUCERS"

Oz Clarke's Pocket Wine Book 2015