



Hentley Farm 2006 Clos Otto Shiraz

100% Single vineyard Shiraz

The 2006 season began with a wet spring followed by a mild and dry summer. Ripening conditions were close to ideal. On average the ripening period was warmer than previous seasons but without any temperature spikes allowing ripening to go at full speed. The 2006 vintage was also dry and mild slightly warmer and lower yielding than 2005.

Owner: Keith & Alison Hentschke **Winemaker:** Andy Anderson **Vineyard Manager:** Kevin North

The Vineyard

Single Vineyard; Hentley Farm

Vine Age – Single Block

Vines Planted in the 1990's

Clone; Secretly Sourced by old German man Otto Kasper, Old Clone Shiraz

Soils; Shallow, bright red, well drained clay soil overlaying limestone

Vines are North South terraced planting on single cordon in 3m (12 ft) row width

Eastern facing slope

Old Otto established the vineyard effectively using organic practices

This block is a very low yielding block consistently falling below 1.5 tonnes per acre

Some shoot and bunch thinning of slower ripening grapes at 80% veraison.

Grapes were picked in late March, crushed and left on skins to ferment for about ten days. The wine completed fermentation in new French oak barriques, (50% Damy and 50% St Martin). After 12 months about 40% of the wine went again to new French oak.

The Wine

Sourced from our best vineyard site the "Clos Otto" is a wine with the wow factor, from its unique felt label to its opulent and rich palate this rare wine is the flag ship for Hentley Farm.

Colour:

Almost black in colour, with the deepest crimson meniscus.

Nose:

Beautifully perfumed with violets and warm spice, followed by dark fruits, rich Belgium chocolate and coffee

Palate:

This wine flows over the palate like liquid chocolate reveling layers and layers of flavours and textures. The palate is all about chocolate, ripe dark fruits and spice with integrated oak giving a touch of smokiness. This is bound by ripe supple tannins.

This is a hugely powerful wine but is a perfect balance of fruit, oak and tannin.

Bottled April 2008, unfinned and unfiltered

Drink now until 2020.

Alcohol 16%