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2006 Heathcote II, Shiraz

92 Points

Heathcote, Victoria, Australia

Drink: 2015 - 2030

Heathcote II's 2006 Shiraz was aged in 50% new oak. It is a saturated purple color with a brooding nose of mineral, scorched earth, game, blueberry, and blackberry. Large-scaled on the palate, it is dense, thick, and rich with plenty of ripe tannin, spice and extract. Give it 6-8 years to fully unwind and drink it from 2015 to 2030.

2006 Heathcote II, HD Shiraz

94 Points

Heathcote, Victoria, Australia

Drink: 2015

The 2006 Shiraz HD was aged in 100% new oak. Even more deeply colored, it offers up a complex aromatic array of pain grille, violets, espresso, scorched earth, blueberry, and blackberry liqueur. It is more intense, layered, and long, compared to its less expensive sibling. It, too, will profit from 6-8 years of additional cellaring.

2006 Heathcote II, Myola

94+ Points

Heathcote, Victoria, Australia

Drink: 2016 - 2036

The 2006 Myolo is a blend of 40% Cabernet Franc, 40% Merlot, and 20% Cabernet Sauvignon. Deep crimson-colored, it gives up a racy, high-toned aromatic array of toasty oak, cinnamon, clove, cassis, black raspberry, and black currant. This is followed by a sophisticated, intellectual style of wine owing more to Bordeaux than Napa. It has plenty of concealed structure, complex flavors, and excellent length. After a half-dozen years of further cellaring its drinking window should extend from 2016 to 2036.