

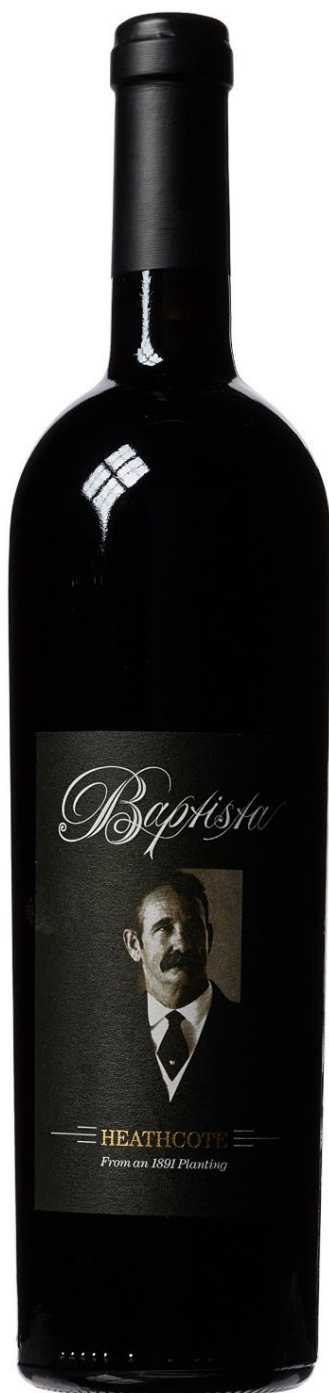


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**DAVID TRAEGER**

**'BAPTISTA' SHIRAZ, HEATHCOTE**

**2004**



**Grape Varietals**

100% Shiraz

**ABV**

13.7%

**Vinification**

Aged in small oak casks (Nevers, Alliers and American) for 12 months.

**History**

Veteran winemaker David Traeger began his life in the Australian wine industry in 1973. After working as a winemaker for both major and smaller wine companies, he established himself as a small independent winemaker. His aim is to produce limited volumes of elegant and distinctive wines, working with grapes from vineyards that attain the finest fruit character.

Named after Baptista Governa, an Italian winemaker who arrived in Nagambie in the 1870s, the Baptista vineyard is located on fertile well-drained alluvial loam soils underlain by ironstone gravels. The relatively shallow water table and grafted vine stock ensures that even in hot dry summer conditions the vines are not at risk physiologically and still ripen fruit of the finest flavour and balance. Because of these benign conditions the vineyard is managed along organic guidelines with attention focused on ultimate quality.

**Tasting Notes**

Brick red colour. Aromas of leather and spice with truffles, cigar box, and freshly polished furniture. A medium palate weight with sour cherry flavours.

A Heathcote Shiraz at maturity, showing some subtlety and development having a balance of flavours and extraction to enable the wine to be enjoyed with meats and dishes of a lighter style, or with fine cheese.