

# Sanguine Estate Heathcote

Fine Wines and Extra Virgin Olive Oils



**Vintage:** 2003

**Variety:** Shiraz

**98/100**

**Reviewer:** Nick Chlebnikowsky **Publication:** Vintage Direct Issue 187



Sanguine Estate continues to produce exceptional full bodied Shiraz from their Heathcote vineyard. The yields are miniscule, which are reflective of the drought conditions that have become a fact of life in the district. As a result, the fruit produced tends to be super concentrated – bordering on being an essence of the Shiraz grape. Totally black purple colour with the blackest of black centres. Superb lifted nose – displaying a concentrate of black pepper, blood plum, blackberry, vanilla, liquorice and spice, followed by a raspberry endnote. Classic voluptuous Heathcote palate – totally explosive, with flavours of ripe plum, blackberry, spice, black and white pepper and liquorice. Fine grained tannins – perfect balance with explosive aftertaste of plum, spice, black pepper and blackberry. Cellar 3-4 years (2007-2008) VALUE FOR MONEY: XXXXX/5

**91/100**

**Reviewer:** Stephen Tanzer (USA) **Publication:** International Wine Issue 115 (Ju/Aug04)

Full ruby-red. Perfumed aromas of black fruits, pepper, spices and liquorice; very syrah. Juicy, spicy and bright, firm and precise but also pliant and generous. Classic black fruit and peppery syrah flavours complicated by candied notes and exotic herbs. Carries its 15% alcohol gracefully. Finishes firm, sweet and long. Intriguingly, this wine was made by two winemakers at two locations, from the same vineyard. One cuvee was more astringent and tannic, vinified with a high percentage of stems, while the other was more user-friendly. The two components were assembled only for the bottling.

**91/100**

**Reviewer:** James Halliday **Publication:** Australian Wine Companion 2006



Fresh, clean blackberry, spice and plum aromas; very ripe, sweet fruit shows its 14.5° alcohol; ripe tannins. Cork. Drink 2003

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2003 Reviews Continued



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Reviewer: *Huon Hooke*

Publication: *Gourmet Traveller Wine  
Collectors' Issue  
Aug/Sept 2005 pg141*

★★★★★



Another stunning Heathcote shiraz in the big, high-alcohol, chocolatey, jammy style that so many love. Slightly syrupy prune, leather and earth characters, with a distinct twist of peppermint. Cellar: drink now or during the next 5+ years.

**GOLD MEDAL** Show: *2005 Winewise Small Vignerons Awards* Class: *24 03 Shiraz*

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## Highly Recommended

2003 Sanguine Estate Heathcote Shiraz

This is a very classy Shiraz that reinforces the ever-growing reputation of the Heathcote region. It's a powerful wine, but it's not just sweet fruit and oak. It's based on a firm, ripe tannin structure, and is a strongly varietal wine of considerable finesse.

Cellar 5-10 years.

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*148 wines ( 03 Shiraz ) were submitted for judging in this class with only 8 wines awarded GOLD including SANGUINE ESTATE HEATHCOTE SHIRAZ 2003*