



## 2005 CAMBRIEN SHIRAZ

**WINEMAKER:** Ron Laughton and Michel Chapoutier  
**REGION:** Heathcote, Australia  
**VARIETALS:** Shiraz  
**MATURATION:** 12 months in new French oak barriques  
**ALCOHOL:** 15% alc/vol

### BACKGROUND:

Nurtured biodynamically and made with simplicity in Heathcote, Australia, Cambrien is a small vineyard partnership between the Laughton family of Jasper Hill and winemaker Michel Chapoutier (renowned for his Rhône Valley cuvees). The Cambrien label features La Pleiade-“The Pleiades, Seven Sisters”- a small, wispy star cluster in the constellation of Taurus that can be viewed from both partners’ homeland vineyards in Australia and France.

### WINEMAKING:

From the partnership vineyard in Heathcote, Australia, Cambrien is mainly “Australian Shiraz” with a small “French Syrah” component from recently planted, imported vine cuttings. Hand picked fruit was gently destemmed then fermented using indigenous yeasts for six weeks in an open concrete vat. The lightly pressed wine was then cellared with minimal intervention in Jasper Hill’s underground cellars for 12 months in new French oak barriques.

### TASTING NOTES:

The 2005 Cambrien is beautifully structured Shiraz, displaying aromas of black currants, plums, blackberries, char, and earth. The finish is elegant and long with fine-grained tannins and bright acidity that will lend to further aging. Drink now or hide in the cellar for 10-15 years.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 2005 vintage- not yet reviewed, 2004 vintage- **95 pts**- Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate, **93 pts**- Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar, **91 pts**- Wine Spectator

### ABOUT JASPER HILL:

Established in 1975 by Ron and Elva Laughton, Jasper Hill produces some of Australia’s most individual and compelling Shirazes. Situated in the Heathcote region of Central Victoria, the estate has been largely responsible for establishing this area as one of Australia’s greatest red wine regions. The 60 acre property comprises three vineyards, two of which are named after Ron and Elva’s daughters, Emily and Georgia; all are positioned on ancient Cambrian soils unique to this area. Beyond these exceptional sites, it is the Laughtons’ commitment to low yields, dry farming and non-interventionist, biodynamic viticultural practices that place Jasper Hill among Australia’s premier producers.



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