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Jasper Hill + Occams Razor

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Heathcote, Victoria

Established in 1975 by Ron and Elva Laughton, Jasper Hill produces some of Australia's most compelling and sought after wines. Located at Heathcote in Central Victoria on ancient Cambrian soils deep, red coloured, well drained gravely loams on undulating hillsides. These support low-vigour vine growth without the need for supplementary irrigation.

The wines are produced entirely on the estate using organic/biodynamic principles. Inter row mulching and self made organic compost is used to improve soil organic matter. This allows greater bio-diversity in micro flora and fauna, supporting large earthworm populations beneficial for natural soil fertility. Following these principles no synthetic chemicals have ever been applied to the soils or vines. Vines are grown on un-grafted root-stock and non irrigated, expressing flavours and characteristics natural to their variety and terroir. Grown at elevations of 1000 feet the vines benefit from warm days but cool nights, imperative for natural acid retention and structure. None of the wines from Jasper Hill vineyards has even been acid adjusted at any stage. These are natural wines of striking purity. With 35 vintages to their credit, these wines have a long established record for ageing gracefully with careful cellaring.



“Whether it’s down to this very special rift of dirt or not, these wines are simply incredible.” The Wine Advocate



2016 Jasper Hill Georgia's Paddock Riesling

very limited this vintage

Natural yeast ferment and no acid adjustment result in a seamless wine of finesse, texture and elegance. *“With a very dry winter and spring, the 2016 vintage exhibits the usual citrus characteristics, but with even more power and depth. Completely dry, with lime dominant over lemon and even a little mandarin showing, along with some tropical fruits and passion fruit, matched to the zesty natural acidity and minerality. Great length. Only 90 dozen produced. 12.5% alc/vol”* Ron Laughton

2015 Jasper Hill Georgia's Paddock Shiraz

375ml, 750ml + 1500ml

“From another great vintage, with 12 months elevation in French oak barriques, of which 20% were new. Exhibiting the typical characters of mixed red berries and general spiciness to the velvety, viscous, well-balanced and rounded palate. Powerful wine, with fine, supple tannins and a fabulous length. Great longevity again, but regardless, this will immediately appear on wine lists matched to grilled red meats without any detriment. 15.0% alc/vol.” Ron Laughton

2015 Jasper Hill Emily's Paddock Shiraz

allocation only - very limited

“(with 3% Cabernet Franc) Typical complex creamy mint, aniseed, asian spice characters with a hint of chocolate in a generous and powerful wine of exceptional elegance, length and balance between the natural acidity and impeccable tannins. This one is as good as it gets. Long cellaring will reward, but it is delicious now! 15.0% alc/vol” Ron

2015 Occams Razor Shiraz

“Accentuating differences in terroir, Emily's own wine from a single vineyard south of Heathcote, grown on soil derived from granite compared to the Jasper Hill wines from Cambrian basaltic soils. A ripe fruitiness with a floral touch to the bouquet, licorice/aniseed, even licorice allsorts. Fine legs, powerful long tannins. Delicious now and can also be cellared. 15.0% alc/vol” Ron Laughton

2015 Jasper Hill Georgia's Paddock Nebbiolo

“Don't be deceived by the light red, almost pinot-ish colour, compared with the intense crimson of its Shiraz sisters. A powerhouse of typical long, forceful mouth coating tannins on the finish, preceded by a strong aroma of strawberries and a savouriness that lingers forever, including some stone fruit hints. 14.0% alc/vol” Ron Laughton

2015 Jasper Hill Georgia's Paddock Semillon

“Fourteen months in bottle before release. Honeyed aromas follow through on to the generous palate, with lanolin characters blending in to the light French oak background. Not Hunter in style, more dry white Bordeaux. 13.0% alc/vol” Ron Laughton

Previous vintages - small quantities available of some previous vintages -

2014 Jasper Hill Georgia's Paddock Shiraz **375ml, 750ml and 1500ml**

"Another classic, of deep crimson colour, intense aromas of red berries and mixed spices that follow through on to the palate, balanced with powerful but already supple tannins and fabulous natural acidity. Delicious - drink any time from now over the next twenty years. 15.0% alc/vol." Ron Laughton

2014 Occams Razor Shiraz

"Emily's own wine, her 14th vintage, from a single granitic soil organic vineyard south of Heathcote. Plusher fruits compared to Georgia's Paddock Shiraz and a little more tannic; bright crimson, lots of depth, plummy, ripe red fruits. Delicious now, but you will be rewarded with cellaring. 15.5% alc/vol" Ron Laughton

2014 Jasper Hill Georgia's Paddock Semillon

"Also new oak fermented, with typical light lemony, lanolin characters and a viscous, waxy mouthfeel. No sweetness, it ages very well if you can keep your hands off it. 12.0% alc/vol." Ron Laughton

2013 Jasper Hill Georgia's Paddock Shiraz **375ml, 750ml and 1500ml**

"Bright purple in colour to the rim, with its typical flavours of rich mixed spices and sweet, ripe red plummy fruits. Plush, chocolatey mocha characters and fabulous natural acidity paired to powerful, supple tannins confers great longevity, but why wait? 14.5% alc/vol." Ron Laughton

2013 Jasper Hill Georgia's Paddock Nebbiolo

"The 2012 was named by James Halliday as 'top of the Australian Nebbiolo tree' at 97 points. In this one, the signature descriptors of floral rose notes with red currant, raspberry, smoked meat and a hint of tar, followed by the characteristic firm, savoury tannic punch at the end. 13.0% alc/vol" Ron Laughton

2013 Occams Razor Shiraz

"Purple crimson depth, red currants, ripe plums, raspberries, aromatic tobacco notes, plenty of tannins countered with more than adequate natural acid. Emily's own wine from an organic single vineyard in Mia Mia, 20km south of Heathcote. Delicious. 15.0% alc/vol." Ron Laughton

"Focused and expressive, with an overlay of about a dozen different kinds of pepper adding interest and depth to the cherry and floral flavors, focusing into a compact beam as the finish lingers amid lightly prickly tannins. Best from 2018 through 2025. 93 points" Wine Spectator July 2015

2012 Jasper Hill Cornella Vineyard Grenache

"A dark red brooding beauty with its characteristic ripe raspberry aromas coupled with a clean earthiness on the palate and a swag of tannin. A big, well balanced wine, regardless of the high alcohol. 15.5% alc/vol." Ron Laughton

2011 Jasper Hill Georgia's Paddock Nebbiolo

"Deliciously soft, fruity and not too tannic, with the Italianate savouriness and brick colour associated with the variety. Floral hints on the nose, beautiful complexity on the palate and zingy acidity with medium body." Ron Laughton

2011 Jasper Hill The Sisters Shiraz

"A blend of 20% Emily's Paddock and 80% Georgia's Paddock Shiraz wines, combining the creaminess, minerality and perfumed characteristics of the Emily's in harmony with the ripe red berries and spiciness of the Georgia's. The sum is superior to the individual components. Very elegant, power without too much weight; coming from a cooler year, this wine is delicious now and has medium term cellaring possibilities of 10-15 years." Ron Laughton

2010 Jasper Hill Cornella Vineyard Grenache

"Not even a hint of grenache jamminess here, but powerful, pure fresh raspberries on the nose and palate, with a lovely clean fruity finish. A relatively new wine for us that has been gaining admirers from non-grenache drinkers." Ron Laughton

The Soils

Quite rare in the world and particularly in Australia, here they are unusually deep (4metre), red coloured, well drained, gravelly loams on undulating hillsides, but with good moisture retention.

They occur in a narrow, non-contiguous strip between two naturally occurring North/South faults and is typically only a few hundred metres wide. The faults give rise to a complex mineralogy.

Soil organic matter is high, allowing great bio-diversity in micro flora and fauna and supporting large earthworm populations - all beneficial for natural soil fertility. No synthetic chemicals have ever been applied to the soil or vines; the vineyards are totally organic; no insecticides, no herbicides, no synthetic fungicides and no artificial fertilisers. We produce our own organic compost for vineyard dressing.

The soil surface is either covered in mulch derived from vine prunings, leguminous cover crops and native grasses, or is lightly cultivated, with aeration. Minimal tillage is practiced, within and between vine-rows, using lightweight 4WD tractors to minimise soil compaction.

Our aim is to make great wine, with the preservation of nature's flavours, complexities and balance in our wines by using minimal intervention in our vineyards and in the cellar - to allow the individual vineyard's "terroir" or sense of place to express itself.

Our wines are produced entirely on the estate using organic/biodynamic principles. We produce our own organic compost and have never used synthetic chemicals on either the vines or the soils, since our vineyards were planted in 1975.

Viticultural practices are as close to nature as we can get them: own rooted vines (ie. not grafted on to American rootstocks to confer Phylloxera resistance), no irrigation whatsoever, minimal tillage, natural inter-row mulching leading to broad bio-diversity, in turn giving depth and intensity to our wines. Only hand pruning of the vines and hand harvesting of the fruit can allow us the human connection to our living soil.

Emily's Paddock: three hectares of Shiraz including around five percent Cabernet Franc, yielding about two tonnes per hectare (14hL per hectare). Planted in 1975/76.

Georgia's Paddock: twelve hectares of Shiraz yielding about three tonnes per hectare (20hL per hectare). Three hectares of Riesling giving about three tonnes per hectare (20 hL per hectare). Planted in 1975/76 with further small plantings done after the vineyard was ravaged by bushfire in 1987. One hectare each of Semillon planted in 1992 (since grafted over), and Nebbiolo planted in 1993.

Cornella Vineyard: four hectares of Grenache planted in 1998. Destroyed by bushfire in 2013.

All vineyards are planted on their own roots, to retain purity of style, rather than grafted on to Phylloxera-resistant American non-vinifera root stock.

The vines have a sunny, open, balanced canopy that keeps fungal diseases at bay and eliminates the need for summer pruning, leaf plucking and crop reduction. All picking and pruning is carried out by hand by wonderfully skilled people from the district.

All vineyards are unirrigated and rely on natural rainfall only.

Both Emily's and Georgia's Paddocks are on elevated hillsides at an altitude of 320 metres (1000 feet) and are approximately 1 km apart. Emily's Paddock has a NE aspect and shallower soil, while Georgia's Paddock has a NW aspect and the deeper soil. The vineyard at Cornella, is 20km north of Emily's Paddock, within the Heathcote Region and on the same Cambrian soil, with an altitude of 330 meters and a NE aspect.