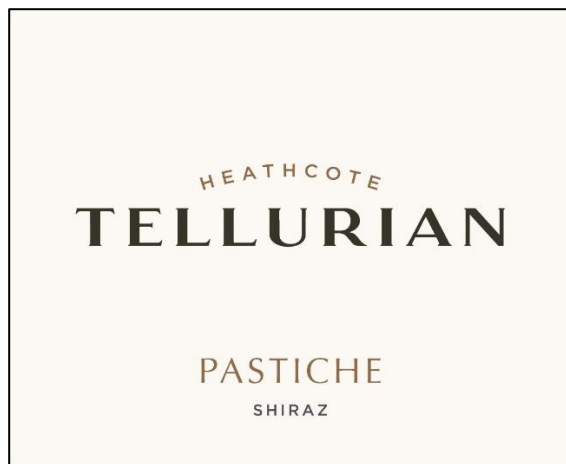


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## Tellurian Background

**Owner:** Ian Hopkins

**Region:** Heathcote / Victoria, Australia

**Founded:** 2002

**Production Volume:** ~8,500cs/yr

**Description:** Founded in 2002, Tellurian's vineyards sit in the middle of the world class wine region of Heathcote in Victoria, Australia. Tellurian has been certified organic since 2018 and produces outstanding expressions of Australian Shiraz and other classic Rhône, Italian and Mediterranean varietals. The winery has repeatedly been ranked as a Five Star winery by James Halliday, Australia's foremost wine critic.

## Wine Notes – 2018 Tellurian Pastiche Shiraz

Tellurian has been a world class producer of Rhone and other Mediterranean varietals since its founding in 2002. Driven by founder Ian Hopkins' passion for Heathcote Shiraz and the talents of winemaker Tobias Ansted, Tellurian has developed a reputation for outstanding small batch production of warm climate varietals. The Pastiche Shiraz is made from estate-grown grapes grown in 550 million year old Cambrian soils of decomposed greenstone rock and limestone. Fermented in large open-top fermenters, with extended skin contact and use of artisanal winemaking techniques such as hand plunging and aged primarily in seasoned French oak, the resulting wine is a medium-bodied, deep purple gem that faithfully reflects its Heathcote roots. Aromas of dark berry fruit, cherry and plum along with a small amount of spice show through from the oak. The palate is dominated by dark fruit along with vanilla and spice. Soft tannins allow the wine to be enjoyed young, yet still provide a firm framework for subtle complexity.

## Technical Specifications

<b>Varietal Composition:</b>	Shiraz
<b>Vineyard Region:</b>	Heathcote, Victoria, Australia
<b>Production Volume:</b>	1,100 cases
<b>Vineyard Characteristics:</b>	15 year old vines, western slope, Mt Camel Range
<b>Winemaking / Vinification:</b>	Mix of machine and hand-harvest (machine harvest is used to harvest at night / retain freshness), 90% destemmed / 10% whole-cluster, 14-16 day fermentation (on skins) in 4-5 tonne open top fermenters (stainless steel and concrete) using select yeast, hand plunging, pneumatic plunging or pump overs twice per day during fermentation Aged 10 months in 95% French oak / 5% American oak (10% new oak), filtered, not fined, minimal added SO <sub>2</sub> – 63 ppm. One year bottle age prior to release
<b>Alcohol / Volume:</b>	14.4%
<b>Acidity:</b>	5.9 g/l
<b>Residual Sugar:</b>	<1.0 g/l

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## Ratings

### Wine Spectator

*Delivers intriguing notes of chicory, mocha and sandalwood that add an aromatic edge to the maraschino cherry and raspberry flavors. Offers a juicy frame, with spice notes and a hint of cedar lingering on the finish. Drink now through 2036. **92 Points***



*This starts out lucidly but rather densely, with aromas of terra cotta, pepper, savory spice and chocolate framing ripe cassis and blueberry fruit. Medium weight, the plump fruit is tempered by dusty, savory tannins and some intriguing secondary flavors. It's on the warm side, alcohol-wise. Captures the concentration and power but also the freshness of Heathcote. **90 Points***

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*Quite a light, fresh style here. The bright, red and dark-berry aromas and flavors are impressive. Sweet oak spice and a smooth-honed, fleshy feel to the palate, making for easygoing, flavorsome and appealing style. Drink now. Screw cap. **92 Points***