

2014 Neil Ashmead Grand Tourer Shiraz

History

First released from the 2008 vintage, the Grand Tourer Shiraz - a wine named after and produced in honour of Elderton co-founder, Neil Ashmead. Neil, who along with wife Lorraine, established Elderton and was a vital link in creating the Barossa's currently enjoyed status as one of Australia's most important viticultural areas. Infectious enthusiasm was one of Neil's drivers in helping to pioneer the revitalisation of the region from the doom and gloom era of the late 1970s and early 80s.

Neil was a 'Barossa Road Warrior' like no other. Driving tirelessly from city to city with a car loaded with wine, doing tastings and dinners with whoever would listen, and generally spruiking the Barossa in a time where people were not really interested in a region that was stereotyped as a fortified producer. It was his love of fast cars that made this pursuit a little easier, thus the unusual choice for the name of this Shiraz. Unfortunately Neil passed away prematurely in 1997, however is succeeded by his two sons, Cameron and Allister, who believe this wine to be a very fitting tribute to an amazing individual who was always willing to push the boundaries of expectations and limitations.

Vineyard Information

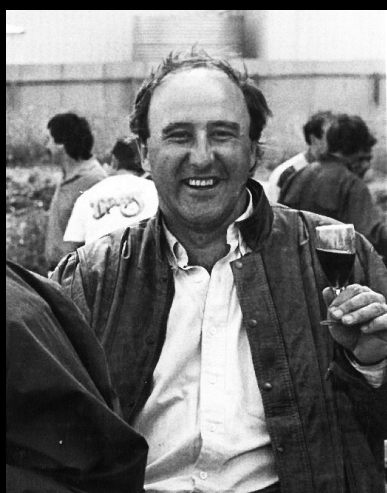
Estate grown on the Nuriootpa vineyard, the fruit is sourced from a single block planted circa 1954 which is managed using sustainable methods.

Winemaker's Comments

Sourced from old Shiraz vines on the Elderton Estate, and handcrafted to depict artisanal winemaking at its finest, we believe this wine is something completely different and unexpected from Elderton, but sits perfectly within our premise to gain recognition for premier single site wines. Fermented in our waxed open fermenters with heading boards and pressed early straight to new French oak hogsheads, for 15 months on gross lees. Blackberry & bramble fruit with bready, meaty and savoury yeast characters, full rich palate and great length. This wine will constantly evolve in the glass from savoury meaty characters to red and black fruits.

- Richard Langford

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Colour	Vibrant and youthful red/black
Aroma	Blackberry and bramble fruit with bready/creamy, meaty and savoury yeast characters
Palate	Full rich palate and great length, this wine will constantly evolve in the glass from savoury meaty characters to red and black fruits
Alc/Vol	14.0%



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Style: Exuberant, lively and full of character this wine combines old world & new world in a wine that has many dimensions. Relying on superb quality fruit to showcase the outstanding character of vines almost forgotten

Vineyard Source: 100% Estate Grown, Nuriootpa

Vine Age: 60 years

Picking Date: 7 March 2014

Oak: Old French puncheons, 15 months on gross lees

Cellaring: Drink now or cellar confidently for 10+ years