

Elderton

2016 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

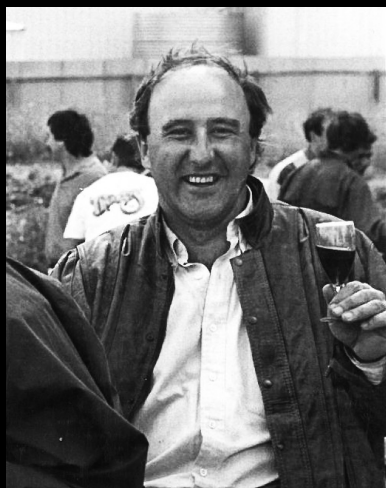
Selected old blocks of Shiraz from our Greenock and Nuriootpa vineyards.

Winemaker's Comments

Fermented in open fermenters under heading boards for 4-5 days then pressed to barrel at 3-5 Baume and finished in oak. The wine stays on gross lees for 15 months before bottling.

- Richard Langford

Style	Exuberant, lively and full of character
Colour	Vibrant and youthful red/black
Aroma	Forest 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	14.5%



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Style: Exuberant, lively and full of character this wine combines old world and new world in a wine that has many dimensions.

Vineyard Source: 100% Estate Grown, Nuriootpa and Greenock

Vine Age: 37 - 76 years

Picking Date: 3 - 4 March, 2016

Oak: New French puncheons, 15 months on gross lees

Cellaring: Drink now or cellar confidently for 10+ years