

Elderton

BAROSSA

2016 NEIL ASHMEAD GRAND TOURER SHIRAZ

First released from the 2008 vintage, the Grand Tourer Shiraz is 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 70s and early 1980s.

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.



95 POINTS - HUON HOOKE, JULY 2018

...a touch of spice, the palate pleasantly fruited and clean, with abundant berry flavour, the tannins agreeably gentle and soft, with good length. The wine seems a little in its shell at present and yet to fully emerge. What's there is very attractive and the quality is very evident. The fruit is red rather than black and the wine is quite elegant. A bonus: it grew on me with repeated exposure.

94 POINTS - HALLIDAY'S WINE COMPANION 2019

...the bottle is the sort that you hope for in a hotel sans gym! The wine is similarly impressionable: rich and glossy; polished beautifully by a piste of massaged tannins, oak endowment and dutiful acidity. Pulpy! The flavours are strongly regional: dark plum, fruitcake spice and beef bouillon to coffee-marinated bbq ribs, presumably from barrel fermentation and extended lees handling. Salacious, but delicious!

94 POINTS - THE WINE FRONT, CAMPBELL MATTINSON, JUNE 2018

Elderton's Grand Tourer Shiraz is firing on all cylinders nowadays. This is another excellent release... everything here feels quite perfectly handled.

94 POINTS - JAMES SUCKLING.COM 2018

Another topflight Elderton in stunning shape. This has a sense of measure and compactness that really impresses.