

## 2017 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

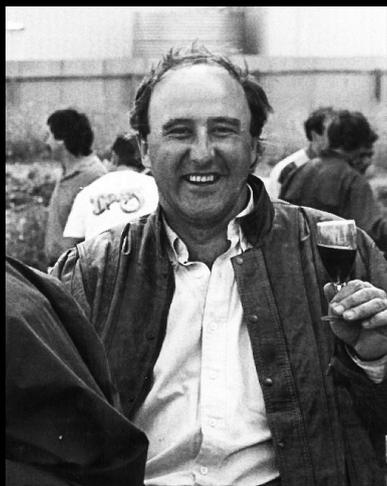
Selected old vine blocks of Shiraz from our Greenock and Nuriootpa vineyards.

### Winemaker's Comments

*Handpicked fruit was open fermented for 6 days before pressing to barrel to complete ferment. A small amount of whole bunch was included in ferment from our Nuriootpa vineyard.*

- Julie Ashmead

<b>Style</b>	Luscious bright fruit with a savoury edge and a full finish
<b>Colour</b>	Vibrant red/black with purple hue
<b>Aroma</b>	Spicy plummy fruit with hints of game and toasty oak
<b>Palate</b>	Juicy berry fruit with a persistent savoury line and a powdery tannin on the finish with subtle oak
<b>Alc/Vol</b>	14.5%



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**Vineyard Source** 100% Estate Grown, Nuriootpa and Greenock

**Vine Age** 39 - 78 years

**Oak** New French puncheons, 15 months on gross lees

**Cellaring** Drink now or cellar confidently for 10+ years