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# 2018 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 - RAY JORDAN 2021

*This is stylish and medium weight with a delightful elegance and purity. There is nice crisp acid on the finish that adds to its liveliness. It was only matured in French oak with a reasonably high, but not too excessive, new oak component sitting at 60%. The wine has a grainy mouthfeel and is brilliantly bright and beautiful with plummy, spicy red fruit characters.*

## 95 POINTS - RALPH KYTE-POWELL, THE REAL REVIEW 2021

*A dark, purplish Barossa shiraz of real style. The nose has intense blackberry, cassis and spice aromas, with oak serving as a perfectly modulated background influence. It's medium-bodied, ripe and intensely flavoured, with deliciously supple mid-palate fruit of excellent flow and length, supported by soft, ripe tannins. Lovely drinking now, but its inherent balance should also underpin some years of bottle age.*

## 93 POINTS - NICK STOCK, JAMESUCKLING.COM 2018

*This has aromas of currants, blackberries, spiced bread, orange peel, red plums and espresso. The palate delivers blueberries, laced with espresso and velvety tannins. The texture is very supple and smooth, building into a creamy and fleshy presence at the finish. Lots of fruit here. Drink or hold.*

## 93 POINTS - HALLIDAY WINE COMPANION 2021

*The Barossa stamp is firm and clear. Chocolate and smoke, soused black plums, char-grilled meat flavours and all manner of spices. It's rich and full-bodied with bolshie tannins and 60% new French puncheons, plus 22 months ageing, holding sway.*