

HENRY'S DRIVE RESERVE SHIRAZ 2008



Description:

The 2008 Henry's Drive Reserve Shiraz is sourced from a single vineyard of exceptional quality. It is a complex wine that changes and evolves with time in the glass, exhibiting blackberry and blueberry fruit, lifted spearmint, lavender and thyme characters along with notes of toasted spice. The palate has a dense fruit weight with intense blackberry fruit flavors, anise spice notes, hints of caramel and mocha and typical freshening mintiness. The wine is dense, complex, and very structural with a textured mouthfeel, and a full flavored finish that really lingers.

Winemaker's Notes:

The fruit is harvested when flavor ripe, fermented on skins for 5-7 days with pump-over's 4 times per day. It is then pressed and completes primary fermentation in barrel which helps to integrate the oak and gives soft approachable tannins. The wine then undergoes malolactic fermentation and is matured for a period of around 18-20 months in oak hogsheads and barriques. The breakdown is as follow – 75% French, 25% American– 55% new oak & 35% one year old and 10% 2 year old oak. The fruit for this Henry's Drive Reserve Shiraz is sourced exclusively from a single family vineyard in Padthaway. These 14 year old vines are grown on a gentle slope in deep sandy soil with patches of red loam throughout and all over a limestone base. The vines are also double planted with two vines immediately beside each other, the trunks lightly twisted together and then trained in opposite directions along the wire. These vines are also influenced by huge old red gum eucalyptus trees nearby.

Serving Hints:

This wine is ideally served at room temperature and goes well with gamey dishes, such as duck, goose or venison.

Producer: Henry's Drive Vignerons
Country: Australia
Region: Padthaway
Grape Variety: 100% Shiraz

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Pack	Size	Alc%	lbs	L	W	H	Pallet	UPC
6	750	16%	17.64	19.05	12.2	3.14	8X12	93 27089 00030 3

