

PARSON'S FLAT CABERNET SHIRAZ 2005



Product: Parson's Flat Shiraz/Cabernet
Producer: Henry's Drive Vignerons
Country: Australia
Region: Padthaway
Grape Variety: 70% Shiraz, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, at yields of three to five tonnes per acre.
Alcohol Strength: 14.5.0% by volume

Description:

Parson's Flat has a dense ripe cherry color, with a purple hue. The nose displays a concentrated array of mixed forest berries, smoky cigar box, spicy pepper, clove, caramel and mocha. An initial sweet, concentrated explosion of luscious blackberry on the palate leads to savoury spice, coffee bean and liquorice. Cabernet Sauvignon is still evident, contributing some attractive leafy and spearmint/peppermint flavours. Firm and granular tannins leave the mouth with a persistent coating. A finely-tuned blend that allows both varieties to express themselves.

Winemaker's Notes:

Vignerons Mark and Kim Longbottom, along with the Henry's Drive winemaking team, practice minimal intervention during the winemaking process – resulting in wines of great length and longevity that are a true expression of their vineyard, region and variety. The Shiraz and Cabernet vines are between 10 and 13 years old, and grow in sandy loam over limestone on the hillside and red loamy soil over limestone on the flat. After minimal intervention in the vinification process, the wine is barrel fermented and matured in oak hogsheads and barriques for 16 to 18 months – 80% American, 20% French, 60% new, 40% one year old oak.

Serving Hints:

This wine is ideally served at room temperature with hard cheeses and flavorful meat dishes.



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