



2019 HENRY'S DRIVE SHIRAZ / CABERNET

WINE DATA

Producer

Vintage Longbottom

Region

McLaren Vale

Country

Australia

Wine Composition

67.5% Shiraz,
32.5% Cabernet
Sauvignon

Alcohol

14.8%

Total Acidity

6.5 G/L

Residual Sugar

1.1 G/L

DESCRIPTION

The 2019 Henry's Drive Shiraz/Cabernet Sauvignon has an attractive bouquet of ripe mulberry, mint and nutmeg. The palate is beautifully balanced with firm tannins and flavors of blackberry, cedar and cacao.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The Shiraz was sourced from four blocks in McLaren Vale, from the Willunga Hills in the south to Clarendon in the north and two blocks in the heart of the Vale. Soils are predominantly red clay loam mottled with varying levels of quartz, slate and ironstone fragments. The Cabernet Sauvignon comes from a 65-year-old block on the western outskirts of Willunga, planted on both red/brown clay/loam and a small section of Biscay. The Shiraz blocks were harvested over a two-week period from early to mid-March, while the Cabernet was picked on a single night in mid-March. With an average time "on skins" of 16 days, all parcels were kept separate from picking to blending. Matured for 19 months in French puncheons and hogsheads, of which 15% were new and the balance two-to-five years old.

INTERESTING FACTS

During the 19th century establishment of the farming and wine industries of South Australia, only horse drawn coaches provided the transit of mail and passengers. The coach drivers reigned supreme on top of their coaches and won the respect and admiration of their passengers. The coach service proprietor in this part of the state was a certain Mr. Henry John Hill. His operation drove directly through a property, owned more recently by three generations of the Longbottom family of Padthaway. Routes were known as Drives, thus the family's wine business is today known as Henry's Drive.

SERVING HINTS

This wine is ideally served at room temperature with herb-crusted rack of lamb or veal scaloppine.

