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2009 Reserve Shiraz

Padthaway, South Australia



Our Wines

Henry's Drive
Parson's Flat
The Trial of
John Montford
Dead Letter Office
The Postmistress
The Scarlet Letter
Pillar Box
Morse Code

Henry's Drive Vignerons was established by Kim Longbottom and her late husband Mark and takes its name from the 19th century Mail Coach service that once ran through their property. Back then coaches were the only means of moving people and their mail through the farming and wine growing areas of South Eastern South Australia and the men who drove them had the respect and admiration of all. Around Padthaway that duty fell to Henry John Hill and his route was known as "Henry's Drive". Things have moved on somewhat but hard work and dedication remains as Kim continues to build the business she started with Mark with a singular aim as strong now as it was then— to craft outstanding wines from one of Australia's great wine growing regions.

The Story

This is the signature wine of Henry's Drive Vignerons and encompasses our approach to winemaking at its finest. Only the most exceptional parcels of fruit are hand selected from our family vineyard. Made with minimal intervention, this wine is a true expression of the vineyard, variety and terroir of Padthaway.

"The creation of Henry's Drive Reserve Shiraz was the vision and passion of my late husband, Mark Longbottom. With this wine, I pay tribute to his strength, determination and character." Kim Longbottom

The Wine

A complex wine that changes and evolves with time in the glass, exhibiting perfumed aromas of thyme and lavender along with spearmint, tea leaves and dark berry fruits. The palate is rich and layered with bright berry fruits, subtle earthiness, dark toasted spice, hints of smoke and fresh mint. A concentrated, complex and structural wine with a full finish and fine long tannins.

The Specs

Fermented on skins for 5-7 days, with the final stages being completed in barrel to impart integrated oak and soft approachable tannins. Matured for 20 months in a mixture of old and new, French and American oak.

The fruit for the Henry's Drive Reserve Shiraz is sourced exclusively from a single family vineyard in Padthaway. Grown on a gentle slope in deep sandy soil with patches of red loam, on a limestone base. Huge old Red Gum Eucalyptus trees border the vineyard offering protection from the elements while imparting subtle flavours into the fruit.

Winemaker	Renae Hirsch
Composition	100 % Shiraz

