



**Henry's Drive
Vignerons Pty Ltd**

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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

Named after the proprietor of the 19th century mail coach service that once ran through their property, Henry's Drive Vignerons is the wine operation established by Kim Longbottom and her late husband Mark. During the nineteenth century establishment of the farming and wine industries of south eastern 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 Henry John Hill. His operation drove directly through a property, owned more recently by the Longbottom family.

Today, Kim continues to build the business in honour of Mark; and the wines are testament to Kim and Mark's dedication to crafting fine wines from Padthaway, one of Australia's great wine growing regions.

Henry's Drive Reserve Shiraz

Padthaway, South Australia
Vintage 2008

THE STORY

The signature wine of Henry's Drive Vignerons, the Reserve Shiraz, represents our approach to winemaking. Our fruit is carefully graded, with only the very best parcels selected from our premium vineyard site, and with minimal intervention, the result is a wine with great length and longevity; a true expression of the vineyard, region and variety.

Our Reserve Shiraz was the favourite wine of my late husband, Mark Longbottom. With this wine, I pay tribute to his strength, determination and character.
Kim Longbottom

THE WINE

The 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 flavours, 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 flavoured finish that really lingers.

THE TECHNICAL DETAILS

Winemaker: Renae Hirsch
Composition: 100% Shiraz
Alcohol: 16.0 %

The fruit is harvested when flavour 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 2 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.

