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Henry's Drive Shiraz / Cabernet 2009 Padthaway, South Australia



Our Wines

Henry's Drive
The Postmistress
The Scarlet Letter
Pillar Box

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.

Story

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Wine

This wine has layered aromas of cassis, rose floral and toasted spice. The palate begins with fresh blackberry and cherry fruit, developing savoury characters in the mid palate; including dried herbs, earthy tones and dark toasted spice. A seamless blend, this wine shows freshness and a balance between the two varietals; it is a

Specifications

The fruit is harvested when flavour ripe, fermented on skins for 5-7 days and pumped over 4 times per day. It is then pressed and completes primary fermentation in barrel which integrates the oak and imparts soft approachable tannins. The wine then undergoes malo-lactic fermentation and is matured for a period of around 15-18 months in oak hogsheads and barriques.

The wine is matured in oak hogsheads and barriques; 60% French, 40% American, 30% new, 25% one year old, 20% two year old and the remainder in 3 year old oak.

Winemaker

Renae Hirsch

Composition

71% Shiraz, 29% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol

14.5 %

