

*Gods Hill Road Neighbours Shiraz*



## 2013 GHR NEIGHBOURS SHIRAZ

Since shifting here to Gods Hill Road back in 2003 our philosophy of being a producer of solely single vineyard wines from the beloved St Jakobi vineyard changed. We of course still produce our single vineyard favourites from the St Jakobi vineyard, but also wines from the three vineyards we drive past (along the 2km stretch of dirt along Gods Hill Road) while travelling to the St Jakobi block. Our philosophy these days is to only produce wine from grapes grown within the 3km stretch of countryside south of our front gate.

We've been blessed by being able to call our little "patch of dirt" here on Gods Hill Road our home. God's Hill Road is almost 2km long, and runs along a small hill range on the western side of the Lyndoch Valley. Along this short stretch of dirt road are some wonderful Shiraz vineyards growing on a great collection of soil types. Out of our living room window we have Peter & Sharon Gilsmore's "Max's Vineyard" growing on some sandy terrain with scatterings of ironstone and quartz; Robert and Nanette Staker's vineyard of Shiraz on Benno Semmler's old property with red-brown earth over clay; and the late Wally Krieg's vineyard, much of what was planted back in the 1920 and 1930's growing on some red dirt over clay and biscay soils.

The 2013 GHR Neighbours Shiraz is a blend of these three vineyards and is a mouth-filling full flavoured wine. Plums and ripe red berries on the nose and palate with spice and mocha oak characters to compliment these flavours. After maturing in both French and American hogsheads for 20 months the barrels were blended together and the wine left to settle and naturally clarify before bottling. The French and American oak characters compliment the sweet fruit mid palate concentration and the range of red berry fruit characters & soft drying tannin highlight the finish.

We trust you'll enjoy it!

<b>Winemaker:</b>	Wayne Dutschke
<b>Vineyard:</b>	Peter Gilsmore "Max's Vineyard" Wally and Daphne Krieg "Wally's Block" Robert and Nanette Stakers "Staker Vineyard (Benno's)"
<b>Region:</b>	Lyndoch, Barossa Valley, South Australia
<b>Harvest Date:</b>	15th Feb (Max's Vineyard), 19th Feb (Staker's) and 21st Feb 2013 (Wally's)
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14,5%
<b>Oak Maturation:</b>	20 months new & older French and American Oak Hogsheads
<b>Cellaring potential:</b>	Great to drink now to 2023

### James Halliday Wine Companion 2016: 94 points

The energy and drive of this Shiraz sets it apart from the run of the Barossa mill; it may be that the hillside vineyards on Gods Hill Road are the starting point, but sensitive winemaking also plays a role in preserving the freshness of the medium-bodied palate. To 2030

### Tyson Stelzer: 93 points

A blend of Wayne Dutschke's neighbours along his evocatively-named road just south of the Barossa village of Lyndoch, this is a luscious, spicy, fruity and faintly exotic shiraz of juicy blackberry and blueberry fruit, even showing hints of black fruitcake and orange rind. Such a ripe fruit fanfare makes for an appealing and earlier-drinking GHR, yet pulls neatly into line thanks to firm, fine tannins and lively acid freshness, finishing long and even.

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