

Gods Hill Road Neighbours Shiraz



2014 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 our 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 home 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 Gilmore'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 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 2014 GHR Neighbours Shiraz is a blend of just two of these vineyards, but is still as mouth filling and as flavoursome as all the GHR Shiraz's we've produced. Some may argue that it offers even more. It was Wally's Block and Max's Vineyard that provided us the fruit in 2014. Unfortunately there wasn't enough fruit on the Staker Vineyard this year, as Peter Lehmann Wines being the contracted winery for this planting required it all. This means that we have a little less of this wine than we normally do.

Expect to taste the ripe red berry fruits that we know Shiraz delivers with supporting flavours of mocha and spice from the 20 months of barrel maturation. The French and American oak characters compliment the sweet fruit mid palate concentration and the range of red berry characters. Soft dry tannins highlight the finish.

We trust you'll enjoy it!

Winemaker:	Wayne Dutschke
Vineyard:	Peter Gilmore's "Max's Vineyard", Wally and Daphne Krieg "Wally's Block"
Region:	Gods Hill Road, Lyndoch, Barossa Valley, South Australia
Harvest Date:	26th Feb (Max's Vineyard) and 17th March (Wally's) 2014
Alcohol:	14.5%
Oak Maturation:	20 months in new & older French & American Hogsheads
Cellaring potential:	Drink now to 2025

94 points, James Halliday Wine Companion 2017

Deep crimson purple; rich, ripe and full to the brim with blackberry and plum fruit; the American oak provides some mocha nuances to the full bodied palate.