

GIANT STEPS
VIGNERONS
YARRA VALLEY AUSTRALIA



2006 GIANT STEPS HARRY'S MONSTER

WINEMAKER: Phil Sexton & Steve Flamsteed
REGION: Sexton Vineyard, Yarra Valley, Victoria
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot & Petit Verdot
MATURATION: 16 months in 40% new French oak
ALCOHOL: 14% alc/vol

VINTAGE NOTES:

The 2006 growing season was perfect for the late ripening varieties; warm days, cool nights and extended warm dry conditions through into April 2006 ensured good flavor ripeness without elevated sugars.

WINEMAKING:

The fruit was hand picked into 180lb perforated bins before being de-stemmed and crushed to small, open fermenters. Must was then hand-plunged during an 8 day warm ferment, and when dry, sealed up for a 3 week post ferment maceration. The skins were then tipped into an airbag press and the wine racked off gross lees for malolactic fermentation and maturation in Taransaud, Nadalie and Mercurey oak barriques.

TASTING NOTES:

The 2006 Harry's Monster is a confronting wine showcasing dark chocolate, toasted nuts, roasted meats and braised dark cherries. Complimented by Cabernet-dominant characters of blackcurrant and wild blackberries and overtones of oak. The medium weight palate follows course, with a soft, slippery but long dusty finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 94 pts James Halliday's The Wine Companion, 90 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 89 pts Wine Enthusiast

ABOUT GIANT STEPS:

Established in 1998, Giant Steps explores the relationship between vineyard site, the Yarra Valley's cool climate, and different grape clones, to finely fingerprint the personality and character of each vineyard. The Sexton Vineyard, at the heart of the property, is a beautiful 75-acre, north facing hillside site located in the foothills of the Warramate ranges, rising from 425 to nearly 700 feet above the valley floor. A relatively cool site, management of this vineyard is intensive with tasks, from pruning to harvesting, all carefully done by hand.



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