

**GIANT STEPS**  
VIGNERONS  
YARRA VALLEY AUSTRALIA



**2008 GIANT STEPS HARRY'S MONSTER**

**WINEMAKER:** Phil Sexton & Steve Flamsteed  
**REGION:** Sexton Vineyard, Yarra Valley, Victoria  
**VARIETALS:** Cabernet Sauvignon (70%), Merlot (18%),  
Petit Verdot (8%), & Cabernet Franc (4%)  
**MATURATION:** 16 months in 40% new French oak  
**ALCOHOL:** 14% alc/vol

**VINTAGE NOTES:**

The 2007/2008 growing season was warm and dry, proving to be perfect conditions for these late ripening varieties producing exceptional colour, tannin and structure.

**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:**

Named after the Sexton's son, Harry, the 2008 Harry's Monster shows a melange of savoury and sweet notes: a perfume of violets and cassis, dried herb and star anise with hints of earthy forest floor and dark cocoa. It has firm, assertive tannins with touches of dark chocolate, fresh vanilla beans, dark roasted coffee and brioche. Red berries and blueberry compote compliment a long even finish.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 93 pts Robert Parker, 90 pts Stephen Tanzer

**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 all tasks, from pruning to harvesting, carefully done by hand.



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