St Henri Shiraz
1996

St Henri was developed in the mid 1950s by John Davoren, a contemporary of Max Schubert, who set out to create a wine which captured the richness of ripe Shiraz without oak influence and had the capacity to support extended cellaring.

The first commercial release of St Henri was the 1957 vintage in 1958. The St Henri style is in distinct contrast to Grange and PENFOLDS overall winemaking style, with the wine matured mostly in large, 2000 litre oak casks which impart almost no wood character. In style, St Henri is an elegant wine that relies on varietal definition and structure.

Winemaker comments by John Duval

Dense red with purple hues near rim.

Lively, rich and concentrated raspberry and blueberry characters leap from the glass. Complex spices - cinnamon/ginger augment a fruitcake mixture impression that sits comfortably aside scents of savoury roast cold lamb and other charcuterie delights.

Tight, complex and stylish. Dark plum with prune beneath, the fruits are courted by enticing anise/liquorice and fennel subtleties. Fruit-derived, pronounced, tight angular tannins suggest this appealing palate, moderate in alcohol and extraction, is but an infant. Excellent balance/mouth feel - a St Henri trademark.