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CAMBRIAN TRIANGLE WINEMAKERS DOING IT FOR SHIRAZ!

Shiraz is Australia's most famous and internationally important wine variety and it was a real treat to join 5 winemakers from the Heathcote Region for their annual Shiraz Masterclass and Luncheon in May. Notable wine commentator Robert Hicks joined the annual pilgrimage to conduct the 3rd annual Masterclass at Domaine Asmara Vineyard. Here, winemaker Andreas Greiving joined forces with his viticultural neighbours to showcase Shiraz vintages and tell their stories.

A special aspect of the Masterclass was that all wines presented were produced from the red Cambrian* soil of the Mt Camel ranges. Known within the industry as the "*Cambrian Triangle*" these vineyards are producing standout vintages, worthy of recognition.

The Masterclass started with a delicious Sparkling NV Shiraz from Downing Estate followed by 2 vintages each for comparative tastings from Domaine Asmara, Downing Estate, Mia Valley Estate, Noble Red and Silver Spoon Estate. Eleven wines were tasted along with with a delicious lunch of tasty satays, antipasto, gourmet BBQ, desserts and cheeses!

"For those attending, the empowering core of this tasting was the opportunity to consider shiraz within a region of renown; quality fruit grown by those with an understanding of their terroir who then apply various winemaking techniques to produce wines with points of difference within the Heathcote circumstance. Stunning!" Robert Hicks

For more information about the next Masterclass, other events or what is on offer, please contact the wineries direct or via their websites.

**It is well documented that over the past 30 odd years, the pioneers of the Heathcote district have extolled the virtues of having their vineyard planted on Cambrian earth – the soils are the result of a very long weathering process, having been formed from Cambrian rocks which are over 500 million years old.*



*Pictured: Saturday 3/5/14
At Domaine Asmara Vineyard*

*Tracie & Peter Young - Silver Spoon Estate,
Bob Downing - Downing Estate,
Margaret & Roman Sobiesiak - Noble Red Wines,
Robert Hicks - Masterclass Convenor
Norbit Baumgartner - Mia Valley Winery,
Andreas, Benjamin & Henni Greiving - Domaine
Asmara Vineyard.*

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