



2025 DISCOVERY ROAD BY GIBSON NERO D'AVOLA

STORY

A love-hate relationship almost exists for our Nero d'Avola here at Gibson. We discovered a few rows planted in amongst one of our grower's Shiraz blocks, just on the border of the Eastern Barossa floor. Our pain with the variety comes through its tendency to have poor fruit set - cold Spring winds commonly hitting our grower's block. Some years the bunches are barely worth picking, with scattered berries of very small berry weight.

VINTAGE NOTES

2025 was amongst the hottest and driest years on record, marked by a severe spring frost and followed by drought conditions across many vineyards. Yields were significantly reduced – down 30-40% in most areas, with some experiencing even greater losses. The harvest began unusually early on February 5th and concluded by March 19th, the earliest on record. Despite the challenging conditions, the wines are of high quality – concentrated and expressive, showing greater depth and fullness than usual.

TASTING NOTES

Colour: Bright red with a ruby hue.

Aroma: The nose is perfumed with violet, supported by an enticing mix of raspberry, red currant, boysenberry & black cherry.

Palate: Medium-bodied palate, a fresh vibrant core of boysenberry, raspberry & pomegranate shines through.

Food Pairing: Grilled lamb with rosemary or some nice hard cheese like Pecorino or aged Asiago

TECHNICAL

Varietal composition: Nero D'Avola

Region/s: Barossa Valley

Maturation type: 8 months in matured French and Hungarian oak puncheons.

Alc/Vol: 13.2%

TA: 5.91 g/L

pH: 3.72