

# PAUL CONTI

## Nero Sparkling Shiraz NV



NERO is named in honour of our late black Burmese-Siamese cross cat, who provided 17 years faithful service keeping mice and tiger snakes at bay from the homestead winery.

This unique Australian style is made from 100% old Shiraz using the traditional Méthode Champenoise technique.

Plummy sweet fruit, savory gentle tannins with a dry finish, this sparkling wine is ideally served as an aperitif, with festive accompaniments such as turkey and cranberry sauce or simply enjoyed amongst good friends... a local client though has assured us NERO is the perfect accompaniment with bacon and eggs!

*"The Conti family is part of WA's wine history.*

*And Paul Conti has been the second generation family representative of that history since the early 50s. Back then, Paul ploughed vineyard furrows behind a draught horse called Mary. Another family pet that was important to the Contis was NERO the cat, a Burmese-Siamese cross that was good at warding off rats and tiger snakes from the family property in Woodvale.*

*The Contis have named their sparkling shiraz Nero, in honour of the feline security guard, and it is not a bad drop at all. It is a wine that is about ripe shiraz grapes treated with Italian respect. The nose overflows with ripe shiraz fruit and there is just luscious ripe berry fruit on the palate."*

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