

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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