THE STORY
Leonard Paul “Len” Evans (OBE, AO) was at the forefront of the early Australian wine industry’s drive for quality and international recognition. He was often referred to as “The Godfather of the Australian Wine Industry” and was Decanter Magazine’s “Man of the Year” in 1997.

Nine Stones began as a collaboration between Len and his friend Denis Powers. Both men are of Celtic origin, and when the opportunity to create a wine brand based on this common ancestry presented itself, they named it “Nine Stones”. The Celts left many groups of standing stones, including Stonehenge. These standing stones, or Druids Circles, are believed to have been tribal meeting places. They are circular in aspect for amongst all the Celtic tribes the wheel is the symbol of the Sky God. Nine is the number of planets thus nine and its derivatives are “lucky” numbers. The stones were also thought to shimmer or dance in the heat at noon and hence “noon” or nine stones. The initial release wines were three wines of the Shiraz variety, chosen to display the characteristics of the region from which they emanate. Each is a powerful, fully-ripened example of the variety.

After Len’s death in 2006, Powers continued the work of the Evans Wine Company before selling the brand to Bill Calabria in 2010. Calabria Family Wines is a dynamic family-owned company that was established in 1945 in the Riverina region. They are committed to producing outstanding premium wines and are proud to carry on Len Evans’ great tradition through the Nine Stones brand.

THE WINES
Barossa Shiraz
The palate memory prompt for Barossa Shiraz is “fruitcake, mocha, and chocolate”. These characteristics being unique in Australia to this region; like all high quality Australian Shiraz, it will also display ripe blackberry and anise seed notes.

Hilltops Shiraz
These wines are distinctly spicy and lighter in body than either the Barossa or McLaren Vale wines. With the cooler climate comes a white rather than black pepper character. Very sweet fruit with fine-grained tannins persistent, which is a hallmark of this vineyard; excellent fleshy mid-palate and a long, supple, and satisfying finish.

McLaren Vale Shiraz
The palate memory prompt is “fleshy middle palate”. The best wines from this region display a dark color and a rich, ripe bouquet, with the blackberry character bolder and brighter than that of the Barossa. The tannins in these wines quickly develop a velvety character and hence the “fleshy middle palate”.

Adelaide Hills Chardonnay
A classic, elegant Adelaide Hills Chardonnay with aromas of melon, peaches, and a hint of exotic fruit. Ripe and juicy fruit flavors are complemented by creamy, smooth oak, leading to a long, smooth finish.