

NIETSCHKE

Harry

GSM

— 2018 —

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In 1838 two ships are sailing bound for Australia, aboard the Zebra is Samuel Johann Nietschke and on the Prince George is Johann Georg Kalleske. They are both pioneering grapegrowing families who make the Barossa their new home. Now step forward 130 years in time to 1968 and these two families join when John Kalleske marries Lorraine Nietschke. Their sons Tony, Kym and Troy run the vineyard and the more recently established winery. However it was Lorraine's forbears who originally made wine well before the current Kalleske boys decided to try their hand. The Nietschke family established a winery on the banks of the Jacob's Creek soon after they planted vines in the 1840's. To honour Lorraine's lineage and the inspiration they have bestowed this wine proudly bears the Nietschke name.

Grandfather Hermann "Harry" farmed the Nietschke vineyards at Koonunga from the early 1900's following on in the footsteps of his father Julius. This classic blend of Grenache, Shiraz and Mataro shows perfumed aromatics with juicy fruits and fine tannins that we are certain Harry would approve of.

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GROWING SEASON

The 2018 vintage was superb. Winter was slightly wetter than average getting the vines off to a brilliant start leading them into Spring which was warmer and drier than average. Rain in early December refreshed the vines and ensured they remained strong and healthy for the overall dry and hot Summer. Autumn also remained dry with perfect Autumnal temperatures leading into harvest. The 2018 yields are good and the quality is excellent, a classic Barossa vintage.

VINEYARD

Nietschke Harry GSM utilises select Grenache (39%), Shiraz (36%) and Mataro (25%) blocks across the North Western Barossa, including many old vines, to make this classic Barossa blend. Soil is shallow, sandy loam over superb deep red clay

WINEMAKING

The Grenache, Shiraz and Mataro grapes were harvested in numerous lots from early March to late April. Following fermentation for 7 to 10 days on skins in open top fermenters with hand pump-overs twice daily, the grapes were pressed and the wine was aged in hogshead barrels for a year. Only seasoned French and American barrels were used to preserve the bright fruit characters.

TASTING NOTES

2018 Nietschke Harry GSM is bright red-purple in colour.

The aromatics are super bright. It's bursting with raspberry, red cherry, rose florals, cola, musk and a hint of mint.

The palate is of medium body and intensely juicy. It oozes bright, luscious Grenache fruit. This is followed by depth from the muscular Shiraz and a welcome savoury aspect from the Mataro. The fresh red fruits are complimented with a lovely fine tannin frame. The length on this wine is significant, completing a beautifully balanced and engaging wine. Nietschke Harry GSM is best enjoyed now or over the next 5 years.



Alc. 14.5% | 750mL