

NIETSCHKE

Julius

— 2018 —

SHIRAZ



In 1838 two ships sailed to Australia, aboard the Zebra is Samuel Johann Nietschke and on the Prince George is Johann Georg Kalleske. Stepping forward 130 years, these two pioneering grapegrowing families join when John Kalleske marries Lorraine Nietschke in 1968. Sons Tony, Kym and Troy now run the Kalleske vineyard and winery, however it was Lorraine's forebears who first made wine well before the Kalleske boys tried their hand. To honour Lorraine's lineage this wine proudly bears the Nietschke name.

After a long day in the vineyard, we are sure that Great Grandfather Julius would enjoy this classic Barossa Shiraz. A rich, full-bodied wine with ripe dark fruit flavours, complex oak characteristics and a long finish that whilst drinks well upon release will cellar gracefully for those with patience.

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 Julius is sourced from select vineyards across the premier North-Western Barossa, including the renowned Greenock sub-region. The hand-pruned vines are low-yielding and are grown in shallow, sandy loam soil over deep red clay, providing ideal conditions for quality Shiraz.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested in numerous batches from early March to early April. Following fermentation for 7 to 14 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 two years. Both seasoned and new French and American oak was used.

TASTING NOTES

2018 Nietschke Julius Shiraz is deep black in colour. It has an intense and uplifting aroma with notes of malt, dark cherry, plum cake, roses, chocolatey oak and spice. Very engaging and dynamic indicative of a classy wine ahead. The rich fruit characters continue to the full-bodied palate. Deep and powerful throughout, dark fruits dominate and are enhanced with smart background oak. Tannins are notable but plush adding a generous structure and backbone. The immense fruit is layered throughout and continues generously to the long finish. Nietschke Julius is an extensive and balanced Barossa Shiraz that can be enjoyed now or will effortlessly cellar for 5-10 years.

