

NIETSCHKE

Jack

2019

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.

Great Uncle Jack would be proud of this modern day, Barossa Shiraz. A full-bodied wine with uplifting aromatics, rich dark fruit flavours and classy oak characters resulting in a generous, mouth-filling and beautifully balanced Shiraz that will cellar gracefully in the medium term.

GROWING SEASON

Quality from 2019 is stunning. It was a warm and extremely dry growing season with rainfall down significantly (39%), making it one of the driest years in the past century. Summer was 3 degrees warmer than average. Yields were impacted by the dry season, leading to smaller berries and bunches. Importantly quality is brilliant producing richly flavoured, intense wines

VINEYARD

Nietschke Jack is grown and made in Australia's premier wine region, the Barossa Valley. Grapes are sourced from a diversity of sites across the Barossa, including the renowned Greenock sub-region where vines are low-yielding and are grown in shallow, sandy loam soil over deep red clay, providing ideal conditions for Shiraz.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested in numerous batches from late February 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 eighteen months in a combination of seasoned and new French and American Hogheads.

TASTING NOTES

Nietschke 2019 Jack Shiraz is dark purple in colour. Aromatically it bursts forth with black cherry, lavender perfume, mixed spice, fruit cake, chocolate and charming oak indicative of an inviting and engaging wine ahead. These enticing characters flow perfectly to the full-bodied palate. It is richly flavoured with a wealth of mixed dark fruits. Classy oak adds further interest and complexity whilst respecting the intense varietal concentration from the low-yielding vintage. There are notable but well integrated natural tannins adding a layered structure and strong backbone. A very long finish completes a bountiful and balanced wine. Nietschke Jack is a fine Barossa Shiraz that will cellar gracefully in the medium term.

