

NIETSCHKE

Julius

— 2020 —

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

Vintage 2020 has delivered wines of amazing quality. However, quantity is very limited, with it being one of the lowest grape yields ever in the Barossa at around 50% of average. Yields were dire due to a combination of early mild frost conditions, then a notably windy period (45% windier) around flowering leading to poor set (not many berries) followed by some hot days in November and an overall dry growing season (34% down). Notably, quality is of the highest echelon with rich colours and intense robust flavours

VINEYARD

Nietschke 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

2020 Nietschke Julius Shiraz is dark magenta-black in colour. The aromatics are ripe and inviting with uplifted notes of rich fruit cake, chocolate, stewed plums, malt, cherry jam, violets and clove spice. The palate is immense. It is full-bodied with intense black fruits dominating. Beautifully meshed with the powerful fruits is notable oak adding another dimension. It is overall plush and rounded with fine tannins giving a seamless backbone of structure. The finish is extremely lengthy, completing a well-made flavoursome wine. Nietschke Julius is an extensive and balanced Barossa Shiraz that can be enjoyed now or will effortlessly cellar for 5-10 years.

