

NIETSCHKE

Julius

— 2021 —

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 2021 was an exemplary year with fine wines and good yields. Growing season rainfall was marginally below average and temperatures were mild ensuring vine canopies remained healthy. Vintage weather was absolutely perfect throughout, with dry mild-warm days and cool nights ensuring even and steady ripening across all varieties. There is strong colour and flavour across all the reds along with excellent structure and balance whilst the whites are bright, fresh, and elegant.

VINEYARD

Nietschke Julius 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 across a four-week period spanning the entirety of March. 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. Both seasoned and new French and American oak was used. Together with the Shiraz, a portion of Durif (12%) was blended in adding further boldness and complexity.

TASTING NOTES

2021 Nietschke Julius Shiraz is thick purple black in colour.

The powerful aromatics leave no doubt a rich wine awaits. Highly inviting, there is ripe plum, spicy fruit cake, blackstrap molasses, toasty oak, chocolate, malt, cloves, and perfume. The palate is rich and full-bodied with intense dark berry fruits dominating. These solid ripe fruit flavours are perfectly complimented with well-integrated chocolaty oak adding a further dimension. Strong tannins are prevalent, providing a fine backbone and adding a pleasing dry balance to the sweet fruits. The finish is very generous, lingering for a long time. Nietschke Julius is an extensive and balanced Barossa Shiraz that can be enjoyed now or will effortlessly cellar for 5-10 years.

