

NIETSCHKE

Jack

SHIRAZ

— 2018 —

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 However it was Lorraine's forbears who originally made wine well before the current Kalleske boys decided to try their hand.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.

Great Uncle Jack would be proud, as this is a modern Shiraz with a twist. There's a little something extra with a dash of Petite Sirah added for complexity. A full-bodied Barossa Shiraz with rich dark fruit flavours and classy oak characteristics that will cellar gracefully in the medium term.

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 Jack is a modern Shiraz with a twist. There's a little something extra with a dash of Petite Sirah (5%) blended in for added complexity. Grapes are from the Barossa Valley 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 these varieties.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested in numerous batches from mid March to early 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. Both seasoned and new American and French oak was used.

TASTING NOTES

Nietschke 2018 Shiraz is deep red in colour with purple hues. It is very uplifting with inviting aromas of chocolate cake, plum jam, cinnamon spice, roses and a hint of toasty mocha oak. The palate is full-bodied with rich dark fruits. It is generous, mouth-filling and beautifully balanced. Along with red and black fruits are subtle oak barrel notes giving complexity and dimension. Tannins are mild and well-integrated adding structure without obtrusion. A lengthy finish completes this wine. Nietschke is a fine Barossa Shiraz that will cellar gracefully in the medium term.

