
SCHWARZ WINE CO.

2012 NITSCHKE BLOCK SHIRAZ

The Nitschke Road Shiraz vines were planted by Ian and Pauline Schwarz in rich sandy loam soils over brown and red clays in 1968 in Bethany. The wines from this block have concentration and drive.

Rich, opulent fruit is the reoccurring theme with this vineyard and it always seems to show great balance and texture year in, year out. As a single-vineyard wine, this is an expression of what one small patch of Barossa dirt can offer. Jason Schwarz aims to let the flavours from the vineyard shine through in the wine. He relies on wild yeast and includes a small portion of whole bunches in the open fermenter. The wine is gently basket-pressed and matured in French oak (25% new).

Colour: Bright black cherry purple.

Bouquet: There are plum, blackberry and all sorts of brambly fruit notes here. While there is a lifted tone of spring blossom, there are layers of savoury bacon and charcuterie along with hints of leather and tobacco.

Palate: Lifted notes of greengage plums are first to emerge from what is a tightly-wound wine. There is also a warming spice element of subtle white pepper as well as some dark cherry and plum flavours lurking. This release of the Nitschke Block has good palate weight supported by fine, grippy tannins.

Variety: 100% Shiraz
Vintage: 2012
Region: Barossa Valley
Vineyard: Nitschke Block, Bethany
Alcohol: 14.3%
Production: 450 cases

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