
SCHWARZ WINE CO.

2018 Schwarz Wine Co Nitschke Block Shiraz

Varieties: 100% Shiraz

Vineyards:

The Nitschke Block vineyard was planted by Jason's parents in 1968, Bethany

Alcohol: 14.3%

Production: 435 dozen bottled 6 December 2019

Yeast: Wild

Oak: 35% new French hogsheads & puncheons

Winemaking:

First portion picked 5th March 2018, 25% whole bunch, open fermenter on skins for 27 days. Basket pressed filled to 40% new French Puncheon and older French HH's.

Second portion picked 8th March 2018, 30% whole bunch, open fermenter on skins 26 days. Basket pressed filled into new French HH's 25% and the remainder used French HH and Puncheons

Third portion picked 16th March 2018, 30% whole bunch, open fermenter on skins 30 days. Basket pressed filled into new French HH and Puncheon 20% and the remainder used French HH and Puncheon

All parcels were picked according to required flavours they received gentle pump overs and hand plunging. Foot stomping of the whole bunches occurs towards the end of ferment.

Blended to tank September 2019. Bottled no fining or filtration.

Tasting note:

This vintage of the seminal Nitschke Shiraz no doubt showed the exceptional quality of 2018 Shiraz. A display of the purest blood-plum and black cherry, with cracked black peppercorn and streaky bacon over some seriously fine oak. Some subtle herbaceous qualities, nettle and thyme bring life to an otherwise immense nose. Very juicy on the palate, deeply flavoursome, long and with mouth-coating tannin for a very textured, very focussed Barossa classic.

Tasting notes written by Christian Canala at Vinify Wine Co

Reviews:

Huon Hooke (The Real Review) – 92 points

