
SCHWARZ WINE CO.

Schwarz Nitschke Block Shiraz

Vintage: 2020

Varieties: Shiraz 100%

Region: Barossa Valley

The Nitschke Block vineyard in Bethany was planted by Jason's parents in 1968. A single vineyard wine, the fruit was picked over 3 different dates according to ripeness and required flavours.

Alcohol: 14.5%

Production: 600 dozen bottled June 22, 2021

Oak: 35% new French

Winemaking:

All fruit was handpicked with the first parcel picked on 27th February 2020 with 20% whole bunch clusters utilised in the first ferment. Pump overs began after four days of cold soak with a lid on. The pump overs continued until 6 March when foot stomping was carried out to break down any remaining whole berries. Once fermentation was complete, the lid was once again put on the fermenter and soft plunges were carried out every couple of days until pressing occurred on 3 April.

The second parcel was picked on the 3rd March. This pick was split into two Fermenters – one with 25% whole bunch clusters which was on skins for eleven days before pressing, and the second with 15% whole bunch clusters which stayed on skins for twenty-one days before pressing.

All wines were pressed into VC (variable capacity) tanks where they were allowed to complete malolactic fermentation before being transferred to a mixture on new and seasoned French oak puncheons and hogsheads.

Blending commenced on 18 May 2021 and the finished wine was bottled on 22 June 2021.

A vegan friendly wine bottled with no fining or filtration.

Tasting note:

Absolute presence in the glass. This is a commanding wine, glistening with blackberry, cherry and plum fruits, lashings of fine-grained oak and the full spice box open and on show. All the hallmarks of dry grown shiraz from a hot vintage, but packaged in such an elegant wine. Dig through the layers and uncover coffee and cocoa, and a palate dripping in the full flavours of the Barossa Valley.

Tasting notes written by Christian Canala at Vinify Wine Co

Reviews & awards:

91 Points – Winestate Magazine 2021 New Release Tasting

93 Points – Dave Brookes, 2023 Halliday Wine Companion

95 Points – Aaron Brasher, The Real Review



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