

Hedley

SHIRAZ

2016 | Barossa Valley



Proudly named after Hedley Zerk, our Grandfather and 3rd generation Barossan who meticulously worked the vineyard pruning, picking and ploughing from a young age.

HISTORY | With over 170 years of Barossa heritage behind them, sisters Janele and Kristen Zerk grew up together on vineyard that has been in the Zerk family for five generations.

VINTAGE | The 2016 vintage was a standout year and our shiraz was no exception producing some of the best fruit we have ever seen from it. There was mild weather in the lead up to picking followed by some heat in February allowing us to push the fruit to optimum Baume and flavour ripeness. Outstanding vineyard management during ripening and hand-picking resulted in excellent quality fruit.

WINEMAKING | Following harvesting, select parcels of fruit are individually fermented in small open fermenters to enable ideal colour, flavour and tannin extraction from the skins. Good extraction & building of natural tannins from the fruit were key to making fine wines with elegance and balance in 2016 with 18 months in oak.

TASTING NOTES | Aromas of floral plum and vanillin spice with hints of cocoa and savoury characters. The palate has superb balance, with hints of blackberry and plum that integrate well with the oak adding hints of spice to the wine. Dark fruits, firm tannins and balanced acidity demonstrate decades in the cellar; 10+ years. **ALCOHOL:** 14.5 % ALC/VOL

