

2015 Z WINES JULIUS SHIRAZ

BAROSSA VALLEY, AUSTRALIA



THE WINE:

100% Shiraz from the Lyndoch Vineyard owned by the Zerk Family near the town of Tanunda in the Southern Barossa Valley. Planted 25 years ago (by the winemaker Janelle Zerk) this low yielding property produces intense and powerful fruit resulting in classic Barossa Valley Shiraz wines. Hand picking and gentle press followed by fermentation in wood. The wine was aged for 24 months with 40% new American and French oak barrels. Only 202 cases produced.

THE ESTATE:

Z wines is the creation of two sisters, Janelle and Kristen Zerk, who grew up on a vineyard in the Barossa Valley. The Zerk family were early pioneers of the Barossa settling and planting vines over 160 years ago. With five generations of Barossa wine heritage in their bloodlines the two sisters were destined to be a part of the wine making history and culture of the Barossa Valley. Janelle is the winemaker and graduated from the University of Adelaide with a degree in Oenology. After studying in Tuscany, Burgundy and Sonoma she spent 12 years making wine in the Barossa before taking the helm as winemaker for Z Wines. Kristen is her sister and business partner. All wines are made in small batches with each bottle individually numbered.

TASTING NOTES:

Color: dark purple

Aromas: ripe blackberry and cherry fruit with complex smoky and savory spice

Flavor & Texture: dense and chewy on the palate with sweet black fruit and meaty spices; hints of vanilla and pipe tobacco lead to a long, soft finish

Food Pairing: grilled lamb lollipops rubbed with olive oil, sea salt, garlic and rosemary

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