

2017 HEIN ANCESTOR VINE SHIRAZ

Z WINES, BAROSSA VALLEY, AUSTRALIA



THE WINE:

Made from grapes grown entirely on the Hein Vineyard in the Langmeil sub region of the Barossa Valley, these 140 year old vines are some of the world's oldest vines. The dramatically low yield (less than 1.5 tons per acre) produces wines of intense flavors, aromas and complexity. Janelle Zerk was able to procure just over 2 tons of fruit from Lestor Hein, whose great grandparents planted these vines in the late 1870's. Hand-picked fruit and natural fermentations, with 10% whole cluster, followed by 20 months of French oak barrels. 1,326 bottles made.

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 winemaking 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: Bright cherry red

Aromas: Sweet raspberry, red plums, rose petals and exotic spice

Flavor & Texture: Ripe berries and cherries lead to white pepper, subtle earth tones and soft, well integrated tannins

Food Pairing: Grilled tenderloin of beef marinated in red wine, garlic, sea salt and cracked pepper

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