

# 2018 Poole Shiraz

## Z Wines, Barossa Valley, Australia



### **The Wine:**

Sourced from a single vineyard in the Light Pass region of Barossa planted by the Poole family in 1954. These old vines are hand-picked and hand sorted with organic farming practices and old-world growing techniques. The juice is fermented in open top fermenters and hand plunged prior to aging in 50% new French oak barrels. Winemaker Janelle Zerk made only 2412 bottles of this extremely rare wine. James Halliday 96 points.

### **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:** Deep purple with red hues

**Aromas:** Extraordinarily fragrant with red plums, violet flowers, cedar and warm spice

**Flavor & Texture:** Ripe red berries with cocoa and savory spices, sweet cedar and hints of herbs. The mouth filling texture boasts velvet tannins and a creamy finish.

**Food Pairing:** Grilled tri-tip served with black pepper and garlic sauce

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