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VINEYARDS



2021 Jack West Single Origin Barossa Valley Shiraz

Over the past 20 years, fifth generation Barossan brothers John and James Lienert have transformed the family's Barossa Valley farm into a viticultural wonderland. The role of maker has fallen easily to James, as has grower to John. A symbiotic coupling of siblings sharing a simple approach to growing grapes and making wine that yields a bloody good drink!

"Owning the vineyard comes with certain privileges, including being able to snaffle the pick of the crop before John sells the rest to other winemakers. I want our wines to show purity of fruit, elegance and delicacy, with finely structured tannins and flavours. My aim is to retain all the more delicate flavours through varying winemaking techniques and subtle use of oak. 'Less is more' is a simple mantra, but it captures how we believe we're best able to unlock the potential of the fruit we grow."

"We harvest and destem our fruit in the vineyard, which returns organic matter to promote soil health whilst ensuring retention of pure, vibrant fruit character. Fermentation is initiated in small 2 tonne fermenters using wild yeasts to promote elegant structure. The fermenting juice is kept at cool temperatures (18-22C) to capture the delicate florals in the wine."

"Manual punch downs 3-5 times per day combined with 2-3 pump overs over 10-12 days on skins enables gentle extraction of flavour, colour and tannin. The wine is pressed and transferred to new (10-15%) and seasoned 300 litre hogsheads for 18 months. Malolactic fermentation occurs in barrel, with lees retained to assist in building more refined structure whilst adding an extra element of softness to the palate. The wine is transferred to stainless steel for a further 6 months prior to bottling, enabling extended maturation without losing vitality of flavour from excessive time in barrel."

"The colour is a glossy dark red with deep purple hues. On the nose, there is a core of dark fruit engulfed by fresh red fruits, pretty florals, a distinctive saline edge akin to ocean spray, and underlying savoury notes of herbs, mocha and shortbread. The palate leads with an explosion of fine red and dark fruit characters of strawberry, rhubarb and blackberry, followed by a supple mid palate of crème caramel and cheesecake leading to long length where the oak plays only a supporting role and is not dominant. A beautiful wine that should age for many years."

James Lienert, Winemaker



*"A richly flavoured Barossa Shiraz."
93 points, Ken Gargett – Wine Pilot*

*"Definitely not the 'shiraz that Jack West rejects here!' Good value here."
92 points, Halliday Wine Companion*

*"Beautifully framed by polished tannins,
finishing lingering and tasty."
91 points, Sam Kim – Wine Orbit*

