

PRESS RELEASE



BAROSSA VALLEY

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ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST!

**“Z WINE’S [2016 JULIUS BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ]
HAS BEEN AWARDED 3RD PLACE IN THE MAINFREIGHT
WORD’S GREATEST SHIRAZ CHALLENGE XIII”**

The Z WINE 2016 JULIUS Barossa Valley Shiraz not only achieved a **5 STAR RATING, WINNER - TOP IN CATEGORY & FLIGHT** and a highly sought after place in the **TOP 10**, it has been awarded the exceptional position of **3rd PLACE!**

A highly regarded and competitive challenge on wines judged from around the world where four different panels of three judges evaluated 431 wines blind and scored independently according to the International 20 point system which translates to the STAR rating for each wine.

The judges commented on the 2016 Julius Shiraz: “A huge wine with powerful concentration of ripe varietal fruit in the blackberry spectrum with obvious charry oak and nice savoury elements. A great traditional style of Shiraz”. One judge also commented on the class “*Here we are seeing intense fruit with appropriate oak made for the long haul*”.

Judges included; Peter Simic, Shane Harris, Eric Semmler, Peter Pollard, Stephen John, Alex Sherrah, Leigh Francis, Peter Douglas and Robert Cragg. Winestate Magazine commented: “*From more than 400 Shiraz & blends tasted these are truly the cream of the crop!!*” “*and the Zerk sisters \$60 offering that beat out many wines more than 10x the price—amazing!*”

“*In its tenth year of production the 2016 JULIUS was a standout vintage, but to have the light shine on our wine on the world stage in such good company of iconic brands is amazing!*” Winemaker Janelle Zerk commented.

1st place was awarded to Penfolds Grange 2013 Shiraz, with 2nd place awarded to Gumpara Hexen 2014 Shiraz. Owner Kristen Zerk commented, “*It’s great to see such good representation of the Barossa Valley in this outstanding award, especially in the TOP 3.*” Past national and international winners include; Bird in Hand Nest Egg, Grant Burge Filsell Shiraz, Penfolds Grange, Craggy Range Single Vineyard and Guigal Château d’Ampuis Côte Rôtie.

The wine is called Julius, and is named after Kristen’s son Keevan Julius, who takes his name from the late Grandpa Hedley ‘Pete’ Julius Zerk who would have been very proud of this achievement!

Accolades for Z WINE with 5 STARS in the challenge also include:
2008 [Z] MUSEUM, 2016 POOLE OLD VINE & 2016 PLOWMAN DRY GROWN

This wine is available from Z WINE Cellar Door & Wine Bar in Tanunda, online www.zwine.com.au or contact the Cellar Door on (08) 85 633637 for stockists and distribution enquiries nation wide.

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