

PURPLE HANDS

Wines

2018 Planta Circa Ancestor Vine Shiraz

Vineyards :

Zerk Vineyard, Lyndoch.

Circa 1880 PF Zimmerman planted Grenache, Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon vines on his family property 'Woodlands' situated on the outskirts of Lyndoch. The site is around 250m above sea level with a Southerly aspect. Soil consists of deep sand over clay. The vines are own rooted, clone is unknown. The vines are cane pruned. The mid rows are cultivated to winter active fescue. Minimal irrigation is used in very dry years.

Winemaking:

The Shiraz was hand-picked on the 7th March 2018.

10% of the fruit was tipped into a concrete open fermenter with the balance destemmed and lightly crushed (rollers open) on top and was seeded using a neutral yeast. Temperatures were allowed to reach 28C with header boards allowing gentle extraction. After 8 days on skins the fruit was basket pressed and transferred into 33% new French oak (1 x 500lt) with the balance into 1-4 year old French oak hogsheads to undergo malo-lactic fermentation. After malo-lactic fermentation SO₂ was added to the barrels, the wine was then left on light lees to mature for 8 months before racking, the wine was then transferred back to the same oak and matured for another 9 months. No fining used.

Tasting Notes:

Vibrant colour, aromas of plums, cherry, vanilla, chocolate, roast meats with sweet spice of cinnamon. A medium to full bodied textured palate with cola and brick dust, hints of whole bunch poking through, this elegant and complex Barossa Shiraz will age gracefully over many years.

Analysis :

Alc/vol 13.9 % TA 6.85 g/l pH 3.51 RS 2.5 g/l VA 0.46 g/l

