

JACK WEST

2017 Jack West Barossa Valley Shiraz

With a first name John and a family name anchored deep in the story of the Barossa's western ridge, John Lienert is often known as 'Jack West'. A name that rings big and bold, just like the character of these wines. Big and generous, made in the vineyard and hitting the mark for those seeking classic Barossa reds.

Vineyards

Brothers John and James Lienert converted the family's farm on the western edge of the Barossa Valley from cropping to vineyards, planting the first vines in the distinctive rich red loam over limestone soils in 2001. Every grape used to craft a Jack West wine is grown in those vineyards, where the broad blue skies, long sunny days and famed 'terra rossa' soils allow big flavour and solid structure to develop naturally. The elevated position takes advantage of afternoon sea breezes from nearby St Vincent Gulf to cool the canopy, producing bright aromatics and retaining natural acidity in the wines.

2107 Vintage

The 2017 vintage was preceded by a wet winter and spring, and a cooler than average December – February growing season. This slowed ripening, enabling the fruit to develop a heady mix of aromas and flavours whilst reaching optimum flavour and structural ripeness. The western location and aspect of the vineyard ensures Shiraz from the Lienert vineyards is typically the first red fruit harvested each Barossa vintage.

Winemaking

Fruit is sourced from selected blocks on our vineyard estate at Gomersal on the Barossa Valley's western ridge. Harvested in the cool of night, the fruit is destemmed and fermented in open top stainless steel fermenters. Twice daily pump overs ensure good colour, flavour and gentle tannin extraction whilst promoting vibrant sub regional varietal expression on the nose. Maturation in seasoned French and American hogsheads for 9 months softens the wine and adds a subtle nuance of vanilla.

Tasting Note

A big burst of black/ blue spiced fruits on the nose, with complex flavours of black cherry and sarsaparilla spice on the palate wrapped around a firm tannin backbone that is the hallmark of Shiraz grown in our family's vineyards.

Reviews and awards

95 points/ Gold Medal, 2019 Marananga Wine Show

94 points, Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz Dec 2019.

93 points, Mike Bennie, WBM, Dec 2019.

91 points, Gary Walsh, The Wine Front, Oct 2019.

