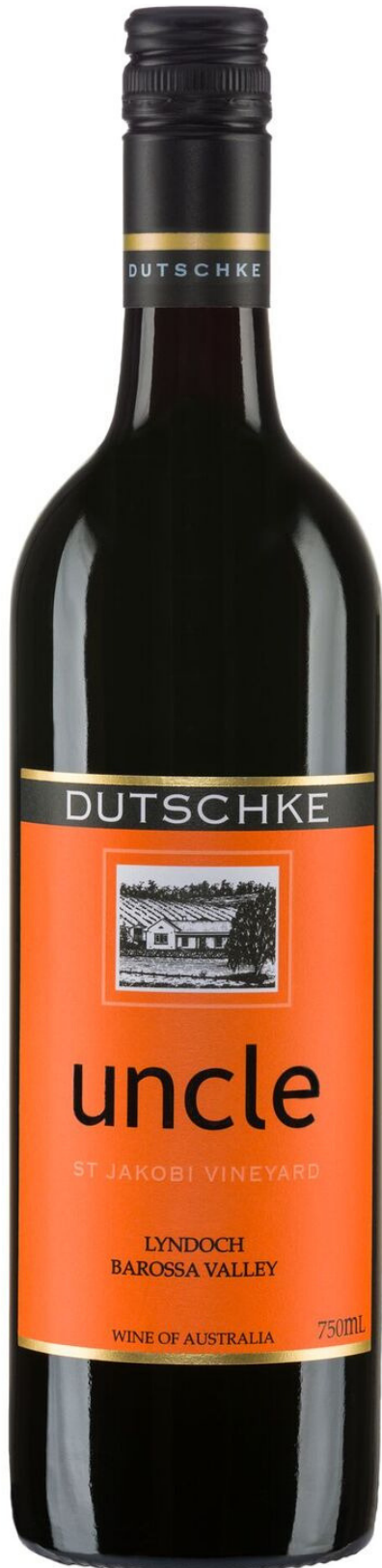


# DUTSCHKE

BAROSSA VALLEY

## 2015 Uncle Shiraz Merlot Cabernet



Way back in 1990, Uncle Ken and I produced our first dry red blend of Shiraz, Merlot, and Cabernet and released it under the WillowBend label. Our idea has always been to produce a consistently full and flavoursome wine by blending the varieties that perform best on Uncle Ken's "St. Jakobi" vineyard, the property previously owned by my grandfather (and Ken's father) Oscar Semmler.

These days our red blend is named "Uncle", as it is Uncle Ken (along with his wife Helen) who nurture the vines that produce the grapes that that make their way into this blend. The 2015 Uncle is a mix of Shiraz (43%), Merlot (36%) and Cabernet (21%). These three grape varieties come together to provide a round, soft, red berry fruit palate with fine oak and fruit tannin support.

Having produced this red blend for over 20 years, it has proven to be a wine that can be enjoyed as a younger wine, but it has proven to be consistently reliable in developing rich complex characters during medium to long term cellaring.

We trust you'll enjoy it!

<b>Winemaker</b>	Wayne Dutschke
<b>Vineyard</b>	Ken & Helen Semmler's St. Jakobi Vineyard
<b>Region</b>	Lyndoch, Barossa Valley, South Australia
<b>Harvest date</b>	Shiraz 17th February, Cabernet 20th February and Merlot 10th February 2015
<b>Varietal percentages</b>	43% Shiraz, 36% Merlot and 21% Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Alcohol</b>	14.5%
<b>Oak maturation</b>	20 month in new and older French and American oak hogsheads
<b>Bottling date</b>	January 2017
<b>Cellaring potential</b>	Drink now or for many years to come as more complexity develops

91 points, James Halliday Wine Companion 2018