

DUTSCHKE

BAROSSA VALLEY

2016 Oscar Semmler Shiraz

Oscar Semmler made a lifetime contribution to the success of the Barossa Valley's wine industry, having held positions of Chairman with both the Barossa Co-Operative Winery and the Australian Wine and Brandy Association during the 1960 and 1970s. We are proud to dedicate this, our best structured and most flavoursome Shiraz, to Oscar, a man held in high esteem for his enthusiasm, innovation and encouragement that he gave to others.

Shiraz from the St. Jakobi Vineyard 5-acre "1975 Block" matures in barrels for up to 22 months and during this time we regularly taste each barrel and make note of the best structured and most mouth filling parcels. Towards the end of 2016 the selected barrels were chosen for the "Oscar", our reserve label for Dutschke representing "the best of the vintage" from the St. Jakobi Vineyard.

In 2016 the 75 Block Shiraz was harvested on two separate occasions, picking the western 23 rows on the 22nd of February and going back into the vineyard on the 24th of February to complete harvesting the 9 rows to the east. The two separate parcels were fermented individually for 10-14 days in stainless steel fermenters under our shed verandah, before being drained, basket pressed and then transferred to oak hogsheads to complete the secondary fermentation. Post fermentation the wines were racked and then returned to these same French oak barrels to mature for a further 20 months.

The 2016 Oscar Semmler Shiraz is a full bodied, ripe and generously fruit filled wine, showing mid palate sweet fruit flavours characteristic of dark cherry and black berries. The spicy French oak characters and fine grain grape tannins complement the round fruit focused palate concentration. The finish is long, with firm tannins and clean acidity. It's a wine that will further soften and develop with careful cellaring.

We trust you'll enjoy it!

Winemaker	Wayne Dutschke
Vineyard	Ken & Helen Semmler's St. Jakobi Vineyard on the "1975 Block Shiraz"
Region	Lyndoch, Barossa Valley, South Australia
Harvest date	First pick on the 22nd of February and second on the 24th of February 2016
Alcohol	14.5%
Oak maturation	20 months in new & 1 year old French Hogsheads
Bottling date	December 2017
Cellaring potential	Drink now or cellar for more complexity

92 points, James Halliday Wine Companion 2020

96 points, Tyson Stelzer, Barossa Mag Spring 2019

