

NOVA VITA

Estate Grown Wines
— from the
Adelaide Hills

NOVA VITA IS A FAMILY OWNED AND RUN WINE BUSINESS CREATED BY MARK AND JOANNE KOZNEK IN 2000 WITH THE PLANTING OF THEIR WOODLANDS RIDGE VINEYARD. ITS PHILOSOPHY IS TO PRODUCE WINES WHERE THE TERROIR IS EXPRESSED IN THE BOTTLE RATHER THAN COMPLEX COMMERCIAL WINEMAKING TECHNIQUES. TO ACHIEVE THIS (AND AFTER MUCH EXPERIMENTATION) THE VINEYARDS ARE TRANSITIONING TO ORGANIC VITICULTURE AND WINEMAKING IS FOCUSED ON MINIMALISTIC APPROACHES WITH ALL WINES VEGAN FRIENDLY AND THE VINEYARD WITH THE WINES FULLY ORGANIC BY THE 2026 HARVEST.



WINERY: NOVA VITA

WINE NAME: FIREBIRD SHIRAZ

VINTAGE: 2017

GRAPE: SHIRAZ

ALC VOL: 13.5%

REGION: SOUTH AUSTRALIA

SUB REGION: ADELAIDE HILLS

VINEYARD: WOODLANDS RIDGE

SOIL TYPE: LOAM OVER IRONSTONE/QUARTZ AND CLAY SUBSOIL

VINE AGE: 10 TO 20 YEARS

IRRIGATION: YES

TRELLIS: VSP

ALTITUDE: 480+ METERS

ASPECT: NORTH, EAST AND WEST ORIENTATION

CLONE: 1654; 1127, 2626

FERMENTATION: INDIGENOUS YEAST FERMENT

TIME ON SKINS: 14-21 DAYS

VESSEL: MIX OF NEW FRENCH OAK AND AGED NEUTRAL
FRENCH OAK

WINEMAKER NOTES

THE 2017 SHIRAZ HAS OUTPERFORMED OUR EXPECTATIONS GIVEN HOW WET AND COLD THE 2017 GROWING SEASON WAS WITH HARVEST OCCURRING MID TO LATE APRIL (3 TO 4 WEEKS LATER THAN NORMAL). THE WINE IS A FRESH AND VIBRANT SHIRAZ SHOWING LOTS OF SPICE WITH BLACK PEPPER, RICH PLUMS, CLOVES, BLACKBERRY AND A HINT OF CARDAMON IN THIS REFINED MEDIUM BODIED WINE DEFYING THE CHALLENGES IMPOSED BY THE GROWING SEASON. BALANCED ACIDITY AND SOFT BUT INTEGRATED TANNINS PRODUCE A SMOOTH WINE ENHANCED BY THE JUDICIOUS USE OF NEW AND AGED NEUTRAL FRENCH OAK BARRELS.

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