

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 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

VINTAGE: 2017

GRAPE: CABERNET SAUVIGNON; MERLOT (LESS THAN 10%)

ALC VOL: 12.5%

REGION: SOUTH AUSTRALIA

SUB REGION: ADELAIDE HILLS

VINEYARD: TUNNEL HILL VINEYARD

SOIL TYPE: LOAM OVER IRONSTONE/QUARTZ AND CLAY SUBSOIL

VINE AGE: 25 YEARS

IRRIGATION: YES

TRELLIS: VSP

ALTITUDE: 450+ METERS

ASPECT: NORTH AND EAST ORIENTATION

CLONE: CABERNET – MAGILL ESTATE; MERLOT – RVC 13

FERMENTATION: INOCULATED

TIME ON SKINS: 12 DAYS

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

WINEMAKER NOTES

THE 2017 CABERNET IS A MEDIUM BODIED GENTILE STYLE COOL CLIMATE WINE THAT ALLOWS THE FRUIT CHARACTERS DEVELOPED IN THE VINEYARD TO COME TO THE FORE. THE 2017 VINTAGE WAS A WET AND COOL VINTAGE ALLOWING FOR DELICATE CHARACTERS TO DEVELOP AT RELATIVELY LOWER ALCOHOL CONTENT THAN NORMAL VINTAGES. THE WINE OFFERS AN ATTRACTIVE ARRAY OF BLACK CHERRIES AND RED CURRANT, ROASTED RED CAPSICUM, EARTHY TONES WITH ROOT SPICE HERBS AND SUPPORTIVE BUT NOT DOMINANT TANNINS. MATURATION IN FRENCH OAK BARRELS HAS ENHANCED THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOME OF ITS COMPLEX CHARACTERS.

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