

## HISTORY

Meshach William Burge (1843 – 1942) was Grant's great grandfather and a central figure in establishing the Burge family's winemaking tradition. He was 11 when his family moved from Hillcot, in Wiltshire, England, to the Barossa Valley and established what has grown into a thriving viticultural, wheat and sheep property near Lyndoch. In tribute, Grant has selected his finest Shiraz to bear his name and be his flagship wine. Since the first vintage in 1988, Meshach has won several of Australia's top trophies and many medals. It is generally regarded as one of the country's best dry reds.

## THE FRUIT

The fruit for this Iconic Shiraz is carefully handpicked from the Filsell Vineyard, where the vines are nearing 100 years old. Smaller parcels are also sourced from even older premium vines in the Barossa to add further complexities to the wine. The age of these vines means Meshach is made from fruit with tremendous concentration and intensity. The 2004/5 growing season saw average winter rainfall and good summer rains with mild ripening conditions which saw slightly above average crops of excellent quality; giving rise to powerful and stylish Shiraz wines.

## THE WINEMAKING

After crushing, the juice was fermented down to a Baumé of approximately 1°, then pressed before being transferred to barrel, mainly American and a small portion of French oak hogsheads, to complete primary and secondary fermentation. After the wine was racked and the barrels cleaned, the wine was returned to the same oak for 22 months maturation. The wine was then bottled and aged for another three years before release.

# 2005 MESHACH Shiraz

*The 2005 Meshach shows great depth and intensity in the dark red colouring of the wine, together with its youthful purple hues. The wine shows intense lift from the glass with a complex array of aromas including; raspberry coulis, Irish moss, old leather, and some subtle confectionary marshmallow like notes. These aromas are complimented with cocoa powder, milk chocolate, a hint of bitumen, sweeter tar characters and fresh green pine needles. The palate is sumptuous and carries on with flavours of swiss chocolate, savoury spices, raspberry fruit, a hint of toasted oak and bushfire ash. The powerful palate shows a complex combination of flavours, with excellent length and balance; this 2005 Meshach will not disappoint.*

*As with the Meshach's gone before it, the elegant 2005 vintage should be enjoyed on special occasions and will appeal to the collector in you. Grant Burge Wines flagship Shiraz has an ageing potential upward of 20 years with careful cellaring.*

