

## 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 wine is 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 complexity to the wine. The age of these vines means Meshach is made from fruit with tremendous concentration and intensity. The 2008 vintage began earlier than expected due to dry conditions; however the ancient old vines produced fruit with exceptional varietal character, concentration and flavour.

## THE WINEMAKING

After crushing, the juice was fermented down to a Baume of approximately 1 degree then pressed before being transferred to barrel (80% American and 20% 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 of 22 months maturation. The wine was then aged in bottle until release is October 2012.

# 2008 MESHACH Shiraz

*The 2008 Meshach shows typical depth of colour, resembling the colour of black plums and highlighted with a vibrant purple hue. There are intense aromas of blackberry and blueberry fruits, liquorice, vanilla bean and dark chocolate. The nose leads to a multi-layered palate of blackberries and sweet and savoury spices with amazing mid-palate weight and powerful tannins.*

*Concentrated, yet finely balanced, this wine continues the proud history of Meshach.*

*As with previous vintages, the elegant 2008 vintage should be enjoyed on special occasions and will appeal to the collector in you and allows you to cellar confidently for 20 years or more.*

