

2020 Roman GSM

Barossa Valley, Australia



The Wine:

A blend of 51% Grenache, from 95-year-old vines, 34% Shiraz, from 65-year-old vines and 15% Mataro (also known as Mourvedre) from 140-year-old vines aged for 16 months in neutral French oak. The grapes are hand-picked and hand sorted before a gentle press and natural fermentation. There were 106 cases made in the 2020 vintage.

The Estate:

Z wines is the creation of two sisters, Janelle and Kristen Zerk, who grew up on an old vineyard in the Barossa Valley. The Zerk family were early pioneers of the Barossa settling and planting vines over 160 years ago. With five generations of Barossa wine heritage in their bloodlines the two sisters were destined to be a part of the winemaking history and culture of the Barossa Valley. Janelle is the winemaker and graduated from the University of Adelaide with a degree in Oenology. After studying in Tuscany, Burgundy and Sonoma she spent 12 years making wine in the Barossa before taking the helm as winemaker for Z Wines. Kristen is her sister and business partner. All wines are made in small batches with each bottle individually numbered.

Tasting Notes:

Color: garnet – ruby hued

Aromas: fresh picked red berries, hints of cinnamon and dried herbs

Flavor & Texture: the silky body shows mellow, easy tannins with ripe, but somewhat restrained Grenache red fruit flavors, without the often-candied flavors of warm climate Grenache wines. The Shiraz and Mataro add depth and hints of cocoa

Food Pairing: exotic foods such as Peking Duck

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