

# Schwarz Wine Company



## - 2010 Nitschke Block Shiraz -

The Nitschke Road Shiraz block was planted by my mother and father in 1968 in Bethany near the base of the Eastern Barossa Range. The vineyard is still pruned and picked by hand and the soils of loam over brown and red clays results in a wine of considerable concentration and drive.

2010 was an excellent vintage for us here in the Barossa. We were spared any disease issues or heat events and the low, slow ripening conditions resulted in top-notch fruit with great varietal definition and great balance.

Rich, opulent fruit is the reoccurring theme with this vineyard and it always seems to show great balance and texture year in, year out.

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**Colour:** Opaque, deep red/purple

**Bouquet:** An intensely concentrated nose with aromas of macerated Satsuma plum, blackberry and black cherry leaping out of the glass. The fruit aromas are ably supported by hints of deep-set spice – cinnamon, clove and five spice all make an appearance along with notes of black-strap licorice, dark chocolate, roasting meats, espresso and subdued mocha oak.

**Palate:** Full-bodied and distinctly Barossan the 2010 Nitschke Block Shiraz shows rich, opulent fruit flavours of blackberry, black plum and macerated black cherry that warm the soul with the first sip. The rich fruit flows seamlessly where it meets hints of clove, cinnamon and nutmeg spice along with notes of dark chocolate, black licorice, espresso, roast beef and well-judged oak. Plenty of texture and mouthfeel, with a raft of ripe, chalky tannins giving structure and an assertive, lingering finish. Just perfect with richer, red-meat dishes.



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**Variety:** Shiraz  
**Vintage:** 2010  
**Region:** Barossa Valley  
**Soil:** Loam over brown/red clay  
**Vine Age:** Planted in 1969

**Alcohol:** 14.5%  
**pH:** 3.38  
**Production:** 500 cases  
**Oak:** 25% French new  
75% French old  
**Bottled:** March, 2012

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