

## 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 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 2006 vintage saw good winter rains which provided subsoil moisture. The spring and early summer were warm and dry allowing the fruit to mature with intense varietal character and complex flavours.

## 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.

## 2006 MESHACH Shiraz

*The 2006 Meshach shows incredible depth and intensity of colour despite the wine being 5 years of age on release. There are powerful aromas of ripe blackberries, spiced plums and dark chocolate, along with delicate touches of mint, florals and raspberries. The palate is sumptuous with flavours of Swiss chocolate, savoury spices, raspberry fruit and a hint of red currants. The palate hits perfect balance between flavour, concentration and structure, with beautiful tannins and excellent length. This wine continues the proud history of Meshach.*

*As with previous vintages, the elegant 2006 vintage should be enjoyed on special occasions and will appeal to the collector in you. The Grant Burge Wines flagship Shiraz has an ageing potential of upwards of 20 years with careful cellaring.*

