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## **The Story**

Meshach Burge was Grant Burge's Great Grandfather, and the man who began the Burge winemaking tradition. Meshach was the eldest son of John and Eliza Burge. Aged 11, he came to the Barossa Valley from Hillcot in Wiltshire, England, with his family establishing a thriving viticultural wheat and sheep property near Lyndoch. In 1865, under the watchful eye of his father, Meshach began making the first wines in the Burge winemaking history. In tribute, our finest Shiraz bears his name.

## **The Winemaking**

The award-winning Grant Burge Meshach is our flagship Shiraz, only released in vintages of outstanding quality, handpicked from near century old vines from the famed Barossa Valley. The fruit for this wine has tremendous concentration and intensity, making Meshach a powerful, yet beautifully balanced wine.

The wine was fermented in a combination of stainless-steel statics and traditional concrete open fermenters with header boards. Temperatures were allowed to reach 28°C. Minimal pump overs were performed on the concrete open fermenters. Pump overs on the stainless-steel fermenters were performed four times-a-day and these were reduced toward the end of fermentation. Gentle pressing was performed by a combination of basket and bag press. Matured for eighteen months in French hogsheads. 18% in new and the balance in one to five year-old.

## **The Wine**

The 2012 Meshach is a very complex wine, with red colour and purple hints. The aromas are powerful and delightfully elegant with dominating aromatics of cinnamon, clove, dark chocolate, black pepper and mulberry. The small amount of whole bunch fermentation provides a hint of spice that sits on top of the wine like a garnish.

The concentration and power are beautifully balanced with layers of blackberry, coffee bean and dark chocolate. The wine has serious grunt, while having a lovely drive of acidity that will support the wine as it ages long in to the future. It has all the hallmarks of a classic, rich Barossa shiraz with undeniable vibrancy and freshness. An outstanding wine from an outstanding vintage.

