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## SAINT NIC SHIRAZ CABERNET 2019

*“Saint Nic the little prik, under the green ash tree,  
laughing at me.”*

### VINTAGE INFORMATION

Very little rain during Winter and Spring affected the deep down soil moisture ensuring an overall reduction in crop size. Once into the ripening phase, the weather was at its optimum for ripening with only brief extremes being experienced.

The older and more resilient varieties such as Grenache fared best resulting in excellent flavour concentration and depth of colour, which in most varieties is outstanding ensuring 2019 will be a vintage to remember.

### WINEMAKERS NOTES

The colour is a vibrant dark red with youthful purple hues. The aroma is a warm, fruity blend of black cherry and satsuma plum, plus savoury herbs and spice with fresh fired oak and smoked meat notes. The palate is invitingly smooth, with well rounded tannins flowing through to gently acidity on the finish. Ripe, dark red berry fruit flavours combine well with fleshy textures resulting in a rich full wine with time ahead of it.

*“Drink with bbq Italian sausages and lamb loin chops, slow cooked lamb shanks or a charcuterie board .”*

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

- Winemakers:** Geoff Merrill & Scott Heidrich  
**Variety:** Shiraz 78% / Cabernet Sauvignon 22%  
**Oak Treatment:** 18 months in seasoned American and French oak hogsheads.  
**Region:** Fleurieu  
**Harvest Date:** March / April 2017  
**Alc:** 14.5%, **pH:** 3.44, **TA:** 6.8 g/L, **RS:** 1.6 g/L

