

**Meshach William Burge (1843-1942)** was my 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, I have selected my finest shiraz to bear his name and be my 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. This vintage has a total of **six trophies, seven gold, one silver and three bronze medals** to date. (March 2003)

#### THE FRUIT


The grapes for this wine come mainly from my Filsell Vineyard, where all the vines are over 80 years old. It is the age of these vines that accounts for the **tremendous power and intensity of the fruit** used to make Meshach, especially when allowed to ripen to our desired Baumé of 14°.

#### THE WINEMAKING

The grapes were crushed and the juice fermented down to a Baumé of approximately 1°.

The juice was then pressed and transferred to barrel to complete fermentation and malolactic fermentation. The wine was then returned to new American oak hogsheads for a further 20 months. It was then aged in the bottle for two-and-a-half years before release.

## (1999 Meshach SHIRAZ)



*Grant Burge 1999 Meshach Shiraz displays intense purples with a touch of garnet colouring. The nose is alive with complex fruit and oak characters which are reiterated on the palate. The abundant tannins are firm without being harsh. **This is Barossa Shiraz at its best**, big and bold, and as such it deserves your richest beef dishes as an accompaniment.*

#### SHOW RESULTS

##### Champion Wines of Show

- Hobart Wine Show 2001 - Chairman's Trophy 'Best Wine in Show'
- Perth Wine Show 2002 - Herbert Leslie Penfold-Hyland Memorial Trophy 'Best Dry Red Table Wine of Show'

##### Hobart Wine Show 2001

- Vintage Cellars Trophy  
Best Shiraz in Show
- Max Lake Trophy  
Best Red in Wine Show

##### Perth Wine Show 2002

- Stewart van Raalte (Pennant House)  
Best Shiraz in Classes 16, 21, 35 & 48

##### Melbourne Wine Show 2002

- Spiro Kavadeas Trophy  
Best Shiraz in Class 43

