

## **De Iuliis STEVEN VINEYARD SHIRAZ** Hunter Valley, New South Wales

Hard to pronounce. Exceptional to drink.

Wine has been a family tradition for four generations. Mike De luliis is actually the owner and winemaker of the winery. His grand-father Celeste migrated to Australia in the 1950's and was placed in the Greta Migrant camp, not too far from the vineyards of Pokol-bin. Later, the dream to own vineyards and run a winery were truly realised in 1987. His dad, Joss, and his mom bought a 20-hectare cattle grazing property on Lovedale Road and worked for three years regenerating the soil ready for planting the first vines: Semillon and chardonnay, then Shiraz, merlot and verdelho. After his graduation in the 2000, Mike headed home to complete his first vintage as winemaker, using the grapes planted and grown on his family vineyard. At the 2021 Hunter Valley Wine Show, De luliis awarded six trophies for three different wines.



**COUNTRY** Australia

**VARIETAL** Shiraz

**SOIL TYPE** Red volcanic soil over limestone

**VINEYARD** Historic Steven vineyard Planted in 1968 Central Pokolbin

HARVEST Hand picked and machine harvest

## VINIFICATION

10% whole fruit 90% destemmed Open top fermenters Neutral red wine yeast Hand plunged twice a day Basket pressing 500L French oak 12 month Maturation in oak

## TASTING NOTES.

Deep crimson with purple hues. Intense spice and pepper on the nose combine with rich berry aromas. Rich fruit flavours of black cherries combine with firm tannins in palate. Well-balanced wine, consistent. A well-balanced wine, consistent with hallmark Hunter Valley Shiraz.

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