



2015 Izway Don Shiraz

Izway Wines Philosophy

Izway Wines is a partnership between Brian Conway and Craig Isbel based in Seppeltsfield in the Barossa Valley. We met during vintage at Chateau du Bluizard in Beaujolais in 2002. Our wine making is simple and minimalistic and is based on old world, hands on techniques. We ferment our wines using indigenous yeast, limit our acid additions as much as possible, we rarely use nutrient, never use tannin or any other additions and we never fine or filter our wines. We both love the purity and energy of natural wines and these are the styles that we are emulating.

We would like to think our wines are a true expression of the terroir from which they are sourced and all of our winemaking philosophies are based around expressing terroir as truly as possible.

2015 Vintage Comments

The 2015 Vintage was influenced by a dry spring, a hot summer and then a significant rain event in January. The rain freshened up the fruit and the wines are defined by pretty aromatics, high natural acidity and fine tannins. The vintage was spread out considerably with a handful of early but lovely Shiraz parcels followed by some of the best Grenache and Mataro we have seen since our inception in 2003. The harvest conditions have delivered lovely early drinkers as well as long term cellaring options in both Grenache and Shiraz.

Vineyard

The 2015 Don is a single vineyard wine sourced from one of the Barossa Valley's most famous viticultural families; Adrian & Jeff Hoffmann. Specifically, the fruit is from their Dahlwitz vineyard in the famous sub-appellation of Ebenezer. This truly is a special place to grow grapes and the soil, aspect and micro-climate combined with the expertise of the Hoffmann family produce fruit with amazing aromatics and structure.

2015 Don

Another example of classic Barossa Shiraz from a year that delivered near perfect conditions for the Ebenezer appellation. Bright, clean, fresh and tight, the nose immediately displays strawberry, cream, cassis, raspberries; more lightning than thunder, though there is still a strong rumble. This wine always displays a balance of density and structure, and the 2015 certainly delivers on both fronts. The palate shows distinctive apricot flavours and has a slightly sweet texture and tannin profile. These traits lead to the deception that there is Viognier added to this wine, and this is a common perception for Barossa Shiraz in warmer years.

Classic modern Barossa Shiraz; made to age and drinking well now. Best drinking from 2025+

Vineyard: Hoffman Old

Sub Appellation: Ebenezer

Planted: 1950's

Soil: Red/brown earth over dark red clays with a separating layer of chalky limestone