



## 2016 Izway Harold 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 Blizard 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.

### 2016 Vintage Comments

Although the 2016 Vintage will be considered one of the great harvests of the last 20 years, the growing conditions were anything but conventional. The total rainfall for the year was half the average but the timing was perfect. The summer was warm but not hot and there were no extended heat waves. These conditions resulted in exceptional fruit created in shrewd and almost sagacious weather, where the season seemed dialed in to the specifics of each vineyard. The wines created are equally intelligent and authoritative, with purity of fruit combining with incredible tannin structure. Layered and complex, these wines will age for many years and will cement the Barossa Valley as one of the worlds iconic wine regions.

### Vineyard

The Harold vineyard is owned and cared for by David Liersch and his family. 'Planted in 1994, it is located in the hills of Eden Valley just a stones throw from the famed Hill of Grace and Mt Edelsone vineyards. The vines are totally unirrigated and their roots are buried in shallow loam over deep red clay.

### 2016 Harold

Without coming across as too excited, the 2016 Harold is just a breathtaking wine. A soft, layered and complex nose meanders from rosemary and violets to cherry cola, beetroot and a lick of ferrous. The aromas remind me of walking home late at night in the Summer rain and is the type of wine that will inspire memories of good times. The palate delivers contrasting leather, bright fruit, savoury rind and earth and speaks of a special place. Exceptional tannin and acid; amazing balance and texture, this wine is all we could hope from a remarkable vineyard in a remarkable year. Will drink well from 2021 to 2030 and maybe beyond.

**Vineyard:** Liersch Vineyard

**Sub Appellation:** Moculta

**Planted:** 1994

**Elevation:** 381metres

**Soil:** shallow loam over red clay