



2017 Izway Rob & Les 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 Bluzard 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 our winemaking philosophies are based around expressing terroir as truly as possible.

2017 Vintage Comments

The 2017 harvest will be broadly remembered as wet and cold, with more than double the average rainfall recorded in the 2016 calendar year. However, the rain seemed to obey the calendar and dry harvest conditions meant that potential disease pressures were easily managed, and patience was rewarded with wonderful, fragrant aromatics and juicy, clean, bright flavours. The cool conditions contributed not only to pure fruit on the vine but long, slow and controlled fermentation in the winery. A stellar vintage that will be wedged between two of the best we have seen and one that should cement the Barossa as the most consistent region in Australia.

Vineyard

The 2017 Rob & Les is sourced from two vineyards; the Kalleske Hillside Vineyard and the Kalleske Bruce Vineyard, both located in the north of the Barossa Valley. Although they are geographically close the two vineyards produce distinctive wines; the Hillside Vineyard produces wine with wonderful balance, elegance and structure, while the Bruce Vineyard produces wine that is dense and powerful. We think these two vineyards complement each other beautifully and combine to produce a wine that has great power and elegance. We believe this wine is terrific value and will age beautifully over the next 5 – 10 years.

Vineyard: Kalleske Hillside

Sub Appellation: Koonunga Hill

Planted: 2000

Soil: heavy red clay with gravel/rocky sections

Vineyard: Kalleske Shiraz

Sub Appellation: Koonunga Hill

Planted: 1980's

Soil: sandy loam over deep clay