



2018 Izway Angelo Aglianico

About Angelo

Over the years we have been on the hunt for another red varietal that could match the quality of Mataro, Grenache and Shiraz in the Barossa Valley. We decided Aglianico from Basilicata, Italy, would work well and so we approached John, Barb and Andy Kalleske to plant some in their Koonunga vineyard. The grape has probably exceeded our expectations, and the late ripening at lower alcohol and high natural acid has given us a strong point of difference from the other wines we make.

Angelo is a great mate of mine, a gentleman with a charming amount of crazy. His family has been concreting for generations, and he completed all the work at the winery and cellar door. It seemed appropriate that we named this Aglianico after my favourite Italian/Aussie, Angelo.

The Vintage

The 2018 Vintage once again proved that timing is everything. Following a wet growing season in 2017, we had minimal autumn and winter rain, setting us up for a potentially difficult year. However, spring provided us with bountiful water and the season was set from there. We experienced another dry and hot summer, which restricted our yields but amplified the quality of the harvest. For Izway, a late March start resulted in cool picking conditions, lower alcohols and incredible purity and energy in our wine. The result is another spectacular vintage characterized by intensity and elegance, with the wines produced providing pleasure to the impatient and reward to those who can wait.

The Wine

Bottled after 16 months in seasoned French oak puncheons, the wine is bright, clean and fresh, with the trademark Aglianico tannin profile and beautiful natural acidity. The palate is fresh and juicy, almost moreish, and will certainly please lovers of Italian varieties.

The Vineyard

The Aglianico vineyard is located at the most North Western corner of the Barossa Valley, with an east facing aspect and a significant gradient that facilitates shading from the hot afternoon summer sun. The soil is scattered with chunks of ironstone, providing a perfect site for grape vines.

Vineyard:	Andy, John & Barb Kalleske Aglianico Vineyard
Sub Appellation:	Koonunga
Planted:	2009
Elevation:	300m
Soil:	Red clay with chunky ironstone, and scattered gravel

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig Isbel".

Craig Isbel
Winemaker