



## 2018 Izway Maurice Grenache

### About Maurice

Grenache is one of the original varietals grown in the Barossa Valley, with vast plantings of bush vines still scattered across our region, many surviving here since the 1850's. We named this wine after "Maurice", who is the brother of "Bruce", and want people to consider Shiraz and Grenache to be brothers in the Barossa. In our opinion Grenache is the variety that is most suited to the marginal soils and warm climate of the Barossa Valley; even more so than its more famous counterpart Shiraz. We have made it an aspiration to make the best Grenache wines we possibly can and to inspire people to drink more of this underrated varietal. Grenache; the unheralded legend of the Barossa.

### 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

The addition of the Three Brians fruit in 2018, coupled with the low yields from the original vineyard, has made this release of Maurice particularly intriguing. The wine is darker and more concentrated than previous releases, with layers of plum, cherry and five spice skirting a core of plush and luxurious Grenache goodness. It is still a vibrant and aromatic style, but certainly is a bit more age worthy than its predecessors.

Drink now or cellar for 5-10 years.

### The Vineyards

**Vineyard:** Materne Victor Road  
**Sub Appellation:** Greenock  
**Planted:** 1950's  
**Soil:** red clay with scattered ironstone

**Vineyard:** Izway Home block  
**Sub Appellation:** Seppeltsfield  
**Planted:** 1901  
**Soil:** red clay with scattered bluestone

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