



2018 Izway Rob & Les Shiraz

About Rob & Les

Robert and Leslie were the names of our Grandfathers, and also our middle names, which we inherited from them. This wine is made in the spirit of all Grandparents; friendly, fun loving and just serious enough (but not too serious). We would have loved to have shared this wine with our Grandparents at the bowls club, or on a fishing trip. Now that our own parents have grown to be Grandparents, we are able to completely appreciate the role that they are able to play in our children's lives, and often share the Rob & Les at our family gatherings.

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 2018 Rob & Les is a fresh, vibrant and fruit driven Shiraz from a spectacular harvest. The energy in the wine is a testament to the season, with the purity of the fruit being a hallmark of classic Barossa Vintages.

The 2018 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.

The Vineyards

Vineyard: (J.B.A) Kalleske Hillside vineyard
Sub Appellation: Koonunga Hill
Planted: 2000
Soil: heavy red clay with gravel/rocky sections

Vineyard: (J.B.A) Kalleske Shiraz vineyard
Sub Appellation: Koonunga Hill
Planted: 1980's
Soil: sandy loam over deep clay

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