



2019 Izway Mates Aglianico

About Mates

Each year, the Mates is dedicated to people who have inspired, influenced and entertained us; our Mates. The Mates was the second wine that we crafted at Izway behind Bruce, and the first Vintage was 2004. Originally the wine was a blend of the traditional Barossa varieties Grenache, Shiraz and Mataro. As our personal drinking preferences evolved over the years, we began to make this a fresher, lighter style, eventually dropping the Shiraz and making the wine predominantly Grenache. In 2014 we made the wine from Aglianico and Mataro and 2018 was the first release of this wine being 100% Aglianico.

The Vintage

During the 2018/2019 growing season, the Barossa was affected by frost, strong wind, heat and parched soils, yet once the fruit started to arrive in the winery all these difficulties were forgotten as it was obvious that we were in for yet another great Vintage. The lower yields resulted in deep, rich colours, fine tannins and high tone aromatics and the cold nights meant that the wines have purity, freshness and great acid balance. It will certainly be a Vintage for the lovers of powerful Barossa Shiraz, and the ripeness of the fruit is something that we are comfortable handling. The harvest seemed to flow effortlessly for us in the winery and the stresses of the build-up evaporated with every press load.

The Wine

The 2019 Mates is fresh, vibrant and pure with a savoury edge. Overtly floral notes override the subtle dark fruit aromas and compliment the earthy and savoury palate. The tannin structure and crisp natural acidity make this a very versatile drink, and we love the evolution of Mates as a style and philosophy.

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

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