



2017 Izway Bruce Shiraz

About Bruce

The personal story of Izway began during the 2002 harvest in France, but the story of our wine began in 2003 when we made one barrel of wine from a great vineyard in the Northern Barossa. We named it Bruce. This single barrel held the first 300 bottles crafted by us and was named after Kathryn's father, who passed away the year the wine was bottled. This is the most iconic and personally significant wine that we produce. The remaining bottles of this first harvest are held dearly in our cellar. The wine is unashamedly and passionately Barossan, with power, depth, texture and structure. It to be consumed as a young wine or kept in the cellar for many years.

The Vintage

2017 saw a continuation of the stellar run of great vintages in the Barossa Valley, and although each display striking differences, all harvests since 2012 will stand the test of time. The summer was warm but not hot and there were no extended heat waves. The bountiful rain and cool growing conditions we experienced in 2017 presented us with fantastic yields and perfect fruit. With an abundance of fruit, this vintage of sBruce is crafted from some exceptional sites (25% Don Vineyard, 19% Harold Vineyard). In 2017 we had a record crop in the Harold vineyard, and it meant that for the first time the Bruce is a Barossa Valley & Eden Valley Shiraz.

The Wine

The wine is intensely aromatic pure and fresh. The bright red fruits flow into cinnamon, spice, clove and cherry. This is a classically high-toned wine, and reminds me of the 2005 release, which is still drinking beautifully. The palate is initially structural and spicy, with the added Eden Valley component complementing the Barossa Shiraz perfectly. After decanting, the wine evolves into a rich and textural beast, with silky smooth ripeness supported by fine, grainy tannin. A great example of how the neighboring Valleys can complement each other.

This is the fifteenth consecutive release of the Bruce, an achievement that we are very proud of. This wine, above all others, tells the story of our journey in wine and the evolution of Izway. The 2017 Bruce is one for the cellar, with ideal drinking at 2025-2030, although decanting will reward the impatient.

The Vineyards

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

Vineyard: Kleinig Old Shiraz
Sub Appellation: Moppa
Planted: 1896
Soil: sandy loam over deep clay

Vineyard: Liersch
Sub Appellation: Moculta (Eden Valley)
Planted: 1994
Soil: Shallow Loam over Red clay

Vineyard: Hoffmann Dimchurch
Sub Appellation: Ebenezer
Planted: 1950
Soil: Red/brown earth over dark red clays with a separating layer of chalky limestone

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

Craig Isbel
Winemaker