



2019 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

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

Familiar aromatics of herbs and spices are flanked by pretty florals of violet and lavender. The trademark Aglianico tannin profile is ever present, with crisp acidity maintaining a fresh and vibrant structure. The ripeness of the 2019 vintage is evident without any density or richness, making this once again a striking reminder of the appropriateness of the variety in our region.

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.

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