



## 2019 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

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

After a short hiatus, this release of Maurice is back to a single vineyard wine, and consequently it is truer to the Greenock vineyard than the 2018 was. It is pretty, fresh and fragrant, with lifted floral and fruit aromatics, yet it waxes and wanes with almost every sniff. The palate is undeniably ripe, synonymous with the Greenock sub-region, with a density that belies its light, bright, colour. The plush fruit sweetness and inviting aromatics should excite all Grenache lovers, however, I believe the true quality of this wine will be expressed more accurately with decanting, or with another 3 to 5 years of cellaring.

### The Vineyards

**Vineyard:** Materne Victor Road

**Sub Appellation:** Greenock

**Planted:** 1950's

**Soil:** red clay with scattered ironstone

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

Craig Isbel  
Winemaker