



2019 Izway Three Brians Grenache

About Three Brians

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. The gnarled and twisted bush Grenache vines on our Seppeltsfield property each have their own personality. Much like the Three Brian's this wine is named after each is unique, no three are the same. 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.

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

In 2019 we suffered plenty of adversity in the vineyard, and our 118-year-old Grenache at home certainly didn't escape the wrath. The yield was reduced to a miserly 354kg. However, when it mattered the most, we were handed a perfect window for ripening, and the quality of our hand full of buckets was exceptional. Fresh, vibrant, bright, elegant and charismatic; this release of the Three Brians is the embodiment of Grenache and expresses everything I love about this varietal.

The Vineyards

Vineyard: Izway Home block

Sub Appellation: Seppeltsfield

Planted: 1901

Soil: red clay with scattered bluestone

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

Craig Isbel
Winemaker