



2018 Izway Don Shiraz

About Don

During my time in the Barossa I have been privileged to work with some of the greatest Vineyards and Viticulturalists in the Valley. Adrian Hoffmann's vineyards in Ebenezer have always resonated with me, and his philosophy, knowledge and passion are virtually unmatched in our region. 'The Don' has been aptly named as the head of the Izway family, in a similar vein to the status that Adrian is gaining with his peers in the Barossa Valley. This single vineyard wine encompasses all that is great about our region; old vines and soils, traditional and progressive viticulture and winemaking and a sublime texture that is virtually unachievable anywhere else in the world.

The Vintage

The 2018 Vintage once again proved that timing is everything. Following a wet growing season in 2017, we had minimal autumn and winter rain, setting us up for a potentially difficult year. However, spring provided us with bountiful water and the season was set from there. We experienced another dry and hot summer, which restricted our yields but amplified the quality of the harvest. For Izway, a late March start resulted in cool picking conditions, lower alcohols and incredible purity and energy in our wine. The result is another spectacular vintage characterized by intensity and elegance, with the wines produced providing pleasure to the impatient and reward to those who can wait.

The Wine

This marks the ninth release of this wine, and I feel like we are finally getting close to nailing it! The natural balance from the soil and micro-climate of Ebenezer are on display, with the depth of the texture harmoniously supported by fine, elegant tannin. My two previous favourite releases are the 2010 and the 2012, and this wine has the power of the 2010 and the structure of the 2012 in a single bottle.

During the last few seasons, we have picked this vineyard at two different stages, with a slightly earlier pick providing more balance and a later pick giving us depth and texture. It has taken a while for us to get this right, but I think we managed to find exactness in how these two components have combined in 2018.

The Vineyard

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