



2018 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 can be consumed as a young wine or kept in the cellar for many years.

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

An unflinching return to the traditional Barossa Valley Bruce vineyards, the bold, plush palate, and dark, brooding aromatics of the 2018 Bruce are a definitive throw-back to the early releases of this wine. Brash and unapologetically Barossan, it treads a fine line between brawn and elegance.

The pedigree of this release is formidable, with the original Kalleske Bruce Block (Koonunga) supported by the structural Slade Shiraz (Greenock), along with the Hoffmann Old Shiraz (Ebenezer), which adds a touch of class and panache. The resulting wine is salivating and interesting and will go down as another classic for the cellar with the ability to satisfy with immediate consumption.

The Vineyards

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

Vineyard: Slade Shiraz
Sub Appellation: Greenock
Planted: 2010
Soil: shallow rocky 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