



## 2019 Izway Harold Shiraz (Eden Valley)

### About Harold

I grew up in the Wimmera in Victoria at a time when the creeks and lakes flowed bountifully with water. We regularly fished for trout in these lakes and Dad, being a tragic angler, would never be short of gear. Sometimes we would share 20 fishing rods between our family of five, which eventually caused issues as we could not tell which rod was biting. We decided to name the rods, and in doing so they took on their own personalities. Harold Fisher was an old, traditional, grain farmer that Dad sold tractors to, and he wasn't renowned for his abilities as a scholar or fashionista. It was obvious to name a rod after Harold, but little did we know that this rod was to become as much a part of the family as the rest of us. A legend in and out of the water, Harold was purchased in the 1950's and is still used to this day. He is old and grumpy yet freakishly talented.

### 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 gap year in 2018, the 2019 Harold ventures back to the undulating hills of the Northern Eden Valley. The first vintage off this new vineyard has embodied the hot summer of 2019 and is closer to the Barossa Valley in style than a traditional Eden profile. Ripe, punchy, fresh, bright and clean, the aromatics are impressive, bold and distinctive. The similarities to Harold's of the past are immediate, with this release reminiscent of both the 2008 and 2013 releases. The palate displays zippy acid, grippy tannin and has a plush, velvety texture. An ultimately ripe Eden Valley Shiraz that is a cracking first release from what we hope will be a long-term home for Harold.

### The Vineyard

<b>Vineyard:</b>	Fechner Shiraz
<b>Sub Appellation:</b>	Moculta (Eden Valley)
<b>Planted:</b>	1995
<b>Elevation:</b>	369m
<b>Soil:</b>	Gravelly Loam over Limestone and Clay

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

Craig Isbel  
Winemaker