



2020 Izway Rob & Les Shiraz

About Rob & Les

Robert and Leslie were the names of our grandfathers. This wine is made in the spirit of all Grandparents; friendly, fun loving and just serious enough (but not too serious). We would have loved to have shared this wine with our Grandparents at the bowls club, or on a fishing trip. Now that our own parents have grown to be Grandparents, we are able to completely appreciate the role that they are able to play in our children's lives, and often share the Rob & Les at our family gatherings.

The Vintage

The 2019/2020 growing season dealt significantly challenging conditions in our vineyards, and for the third year in a row a hot, windy November decimated crop levels. A combination of this consistent, dry wind along with dry soils, led to the lowest yields we have experienced for close to fifteen years. Fortunately, the hot summer broke early and a cooler than average February and March allowed us to craft some stunning wines. 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. The harvest seemed to flow effortlessly for us in the winery and the stresses of the build-up evaporated with every press load. In general terms, the yield of our harvest is determined before Christmas and the quality of the harvest is determined after Christmas. This adage could not be more accurately displayed than in the wines that we produced in 2020.

The Wine

The 2020 Rob & Les is fragrant, vibrant and fresh, rustic and interesting, has strong personality and as always is made with passion and energy. Aged in seasoned French oak the fruit driven characters are showcased and accentuated in this classic and bold expression of Barossa Shiraz. The energy in the wine is a testament to the season, with the purity of the fruit being a hallmark of classic Barossa Vintages.

The 2020 Rob & Les is sourced primarily from two vineyards; the Kalleske Hillside Vineyard and the Hoffmann Mickans Vineyard, both located in the north of the Barossa Valley. These sites are on the famed red clays of the North, giving the wine a structure and elegance that is a hallmark of this special locale. These two vineyards complement each other perfectly and combine to produce a wine that has personality and drinkability. We believe this wine is terrific value and will age beautifully over the next 5 – 10 years.

The Vineyards

Vineyard: (J.B.A) Kalleske Hillside vineyard
Sub Appellation: Koonunga Hill
Planted: 2000
Soil: heavy red clay with gravel/rocky sections

Vineyard: Hoffmann Family Vineyards
Sub Appellation: Ebenezer
Planted: 2016
Soil: deep red clay with scattered gravel

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

Craig Isbel
Winemaker