



2020 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 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

New, elegant French Oak embraces perfumed and aromatic notes of blackberry, plum and liquorice. We have been working hard to find harmony between oak and fruit with this wine, and the 2020 release confirms that we are on the right path. The texture is striking; bold and rich, structured and flowing and the wine ambles across the tongue and confidently enlivens the mouth. The low yield that was created by nature in 2020 (we picked 1.77 tonnes) has led to an incredible wine that can be enjoyed both now and well into the future.

The Vineyard

Vineyard:	Hoffmann Dimchurch
Sub Appellation:	Ebenezer
Planted:	1950
Elevation:	283m
Soil:	Red/brown earth over dark red clays with a separating layer of chalky limestone
Picking Dates:	18th of March and 27th of March 2020
Oak:	100% New French Oak Puncheon (500L), coopered by Gillet from the Vosges forrest.

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

Craig Isbel
Winemaker