



## 2020 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 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

Dark and powerful, soulful and brooding, the 2020 Bruce is a bold Barossa Shiraz and one that will excite those that yearn for the classic styles. The aromatics impose themselves on the room as soon as they hit the glass, with cassis, olive tapenade and dark chocolate dominating hints of sage. The texture is rich but assured, with the plush characteristics held firm by the now conventional addition of Eden Valley Shiraz (just 7.5% for this vintage). Freshness and energy carry the wine, making it one of the most approachable Bruce's we have released for some time. The tiny yields in 2020 have created a concentrated wine, however, the total production has been halved from previous releases.

### The Vineyards

**Vineyard:** (J.B.A) Kalleske Shiraz 'Bruce' Block (70%)  
**Sub Appellation:** Koonunga Hill  
**Planted:** 1980's  
**Soil:** Sandy loam over deep clay  
**Elevation:** 275m

**Vineyard:** Hoffmann Dimchurch (7.5%)  
**Sub Appellation:** Ebenezer  
**Planted:** 1950  
**Soil:** Red/brown earth over dark red clays with a separating layer of chalky limestone  
**Elevation:** 283m

**Vineyard:** Fechner Shiraz (7.5%)  
**Sub Appellation:** Moculta (Eden Valley)  
**Planted:** 1995  
**Soil:** Gravelly loam over limestone and clay  
**Elevation:** 369m

**Vineyard:** Kleinig Shiraz (15%)  
**Sub Appellation:** Moppa  
**Planted:** 1895  
**Soil:** Sandy loam over deep clay  
**Elevation:** 311m

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

Craig Isbel - Winemaker