



2021 Izway Harold Shiraz

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

The 2020/2021 growing season delivered a much needed and deserved break from the hot and dry conditions that we encountered in the previous three harvests. Winter rain was bountiful and provided a full water profile in the vineyards at bud burst. This culminated in healthy canopies and crops that set slightly above average. Post November, the sky completely turned off the taps and while summer was dry, it wasn't excessively hot, and the lush early canopy growth was sufficient to carry the fruit load through to harvest. In near perfect conditions, fruit flavour and ripeness developed early, allowing us to pick fruit with lower sugar and higher natural acidity than any time I can remember. The fruit was in immaculate condition in the winery, and the harvest ambled along without stress. The resulting wines have wonderful freshness, depth and personality and 2021 will undoubtedly be held in high regard for many years to come.

The Wine

Highly aromatic, intriguing, pure and fresh; the immediately expressive nose displays rose petals and cherry ripe with hints of orange rind. The palate is long, flowing, and elegant, with an energy and intensity that unfolds with air. Soft, ripe tannins provide focus and finesse to the layers and detail buried within its texture. An intriguing wine that will undoubtedly get better with age; it potentially will last for 20 or more years and may peak slightly older than previous vintages. One to cherish in your cellar and only share with your favourite friends.

The Vineyard

Vineyard:	Fechner Shiraz
Sub Appellation:	Moculta (Eden Valley)
Planted:	1995
Elevation:	369m
Soil:	Gravelly Loam over Limestone and Clay
Picking Dates:	3 rd of March and 12 th of March 2021

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

Craig Isbel - Winemaker