



2021 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 Wine

The 2021 Bruce delivers everything we set out to achieve with this wine. The aromatics are vibrant, fresh, expressive, and bold with both floral and fruit-driven characteristics provoking intrigue and delight in equal parts. The palate is bold and confident yet elegant and refined and displays all the traits that place Barossa Valley Shiraz in such high regard around the world. The pedigree of these vineyards is unquestioned, and the distinctive blend of both Barossa and Eden Valleys creates a timeless wine that can be consumed in the near and long term with equivalent enjoyment. Arguably the finest Bruce we have released.

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.

Winemaking

Vinification began with a natural soak, followed by 10 to 14 days of natural fermentation in Stainless Steel Vats. During fermentation, we carefully managed extraction through manual plunging, pigeage, delestage, and open-air pumpovers. Once alcoholic fermentation was complete, the skins were basket-pressed before being transferred to seasoned French Oak Barriques for malolactic fermentation.

The Vineyards

Vineyard: (J.B.A) Kalleske Shiraz 'Bruce' Block (43%)
Sub Appellation: Koonunga Hill
Planted: 1980's
Soil: Sandy loam over deep clay
Elevation: 275m

Vineyard: Hoffmann Dimchurch (14%)
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 (16%)
Sub Appellation: Moculta (Eden Valley)
Planted: 1995
Soil: Gravelly loam over limestone and clay
Elevation: 369m

Vineyard: Kleinig Shiraz (27%)
Sub Appellation: Moppa
Planted: 1895
Soil: Sandy loam over deep clay
Elevation: 311m