



## 2023 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 2022/2023 growing period continued our run of cool vintages and near record rain, with 53 days of rain recorded in spring alone. This extended run of wet springs in combination with average yields had a noticeably positive effect on the health of vineyards throughout the Barossa. It is less advantageous to have rain during harvest and fortunately, the wet weather settled down during summer and we were met with warm but not hot conditions. We only experienced 13 days above 35 degrees and no days above 40 for the third year running. These cool harvests allow us to create pure, energetic, balanced wines and give us the flexibility in the winery to schedule perfect picking dates and gentle, controlled maceration. A late start to harvest ensured that we were picking in the cool of autumn, with the vast majority of fruit being received in April. Overall, a great harvest with excellent vineyard health and fruit condition.

### The Wine

The 2023 Bruce returns to a blend of the Barossa and Eden Valleys, and the pedigree of these vineyards is undisputed. The distinctive blend of both Valleys creates a timeless wine that can be consumed in the near and long term with equal enjoyment. Last year I noted that the 2022 Bruce was possibly the most approachable that we had released, and the 2023 has a very similar profile. The wine is soft, velvety and balanced and its texture belies its aging potential. The aromatics are alive and fresh, with the energy in the wine seemingly unmoved, even after a few days open. Black cherry, strawberry, currants and a touch of apricot entwined with coffee, five spice and star anise, making this thought-provoking and an absolute pleasure to drink.

### The Vineyards

**Vineyard:** (J.B.A) Kalleske Shiraz 'Bruce' Block (49%)  
**Sub Appellation:** Koonunga Hill  
**Planted:** 1980's  
**Soil:** Sandy loam over deep clay  
**Elevation:** 275m

**Vineyard:** Hoffmann Dimchurch (22%)  
**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 (18%)  
**Sub Appellation:** Moculta  
**Planted:** 1995  
**Soil:** Gravelly Loam over Limestone & clay  
**Elevation:** 369m

**Vineyard:** Kleinig Shiraz (11%)  
**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