



2024 Izway Rob & Les Shiraz

About Rob & Les

Robert and Leslie were the names of our grandfathers. This wine is made in the spirit of all Grandparents; friendly, fun loving and just serious enough (but not too serious). We would have loved to have shared this wine with our Grandparents at the bowls club, or on a fishing trip. Now that our own parents have grown to be Grandparents, we are able to completely appreciate the role that they are able to play in our children's lives and often share the Rob & Les at our family gatherings.

The Vintage

The 2023/2024 growing season began with a dry winter, which fed into Spring, culminating in a calendar year rainfall (2023) of just 326mm (75% of the average). These conditions would generally lead to significantly lower yields and inferior vine health, however, on the back of three wetter seasons with average to below average yields, the vines still prospered, particularly after some decent early summer rains and cooler temperatures. Yields were again affected by frost and wind during flowering, which helped restrict bunch weights slightly and led to a more favorable fruit load to canopy balance. With lower yields and dryer conditions, the fruit ripened quickly, and we began harvest on the 26th of February, exactly one month earlier than the previous year. In fact, with the exception of the late ripening Aglianico, we finished harvesting all blocks on the 23rd of March, which was earlier than we started harvest in 2023. Despite all this, the quality of the harvest was excellent, with these conditions providing distinctive personality and flair. A stellar run of vintages that are each distinctive and unique, cementing the Barossa Valley as the most consistent region in the country.

The Wine

The 2024 Rob & Les is dark and bold, vibrant and fresh, rustic and interesting, has strong personality and as always is made with passion and energy. Aged in seasoned French oak the fruit driven characters are showcased and accentuated in this classic and bold expression of Barossa Shiraz. The fruit is sourced primarily from two vineyards; the Kalleske Hillside Vineyard and the Hoffmann Mickans Vineyard, both located in the north of the Barossa Valley. These sites are on the famed red clays of the North, giving the wine a structure and elegance that is a hallmark of this special locale. These two vineyards complement each other perfectly and combine to produce a wine that has personality and drinkability. We believe this wine is terrific value and will age beautifully over the next 5 – 10 years.

The Vineyards

Vineyard: (J.B.A) Kalleske Hillside vineyard
Sub Appellation: Koonunga Hill
Planted: 2000
Soil: heavy red clay with gravel/rocky sections

Vineyard: Hoffmann Family Vineyards
Sub Appellation: Ebenezer
Planted: 2016
Soil: deep red clay with scattered gravel

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

Craig Isbel
Winemaker