



2025 Izway Maurice Grenache

About Maurice

Grenache is one of the original varietals grown in the Barossa Valley, with vast plantings of bush vines still scattered across our region, many surviving here since the 1850's. We named this wine after "Maurice", who is the brother of "Bruce", and want people to consider Shiraz and Grenache to be brothers in the Barossa. In our opinion Grenache is the variety that is most suited to the marginal soils and warm climate of the Barossa Valley, even more so than its more famous counterpart Shiraz. We have made it an aspiration to make the best Grenache wines we possibly can and to inspire people to drink more of this underrated varietal.

The Vintage

2025 was a difficult and stressful year in the winery and the vineyards, with a number of extreme events dictating winemaking decisions. 2024 began with a very dry start, with virtually no rain from February to June. However, decent rain in June and July corrected the deficit, until another dry spring reset our expectations. One of the most significant frost events I have seen occurred in September and wiped out our entire vineyard in Seppeltsfield, along with many other blocks throughout the Barossa. A daily record rain event on the 18th of October helped with the regrowth of effected vineyards, and this roller coaster ride of boom and bust would continue right through harvest. The combination of a number of heat waves and an extremely dry summer meant the harvest was a white-knuckle ride through to completion. It was a year that highlighted the importance of being a very small producer, and we made many small parcels of wine to provide us with a range of flavor profiles to blend with. The wines produced exceeded our expectations, and we have produced some wonderful parcels from a challenging season.

The Wine

The warmth of the 2025 harvest is immediately apparent, with pretty, fresh and fragrant fruit aromatics instantaneously floating from the wine. Pure red fruits of strawberry and raspberry mingle with rose petal and amaretto in a familiar profile to recent vintages of Maurice. The pallet is undeniably ripe, synonymous with the Greenock sub-region, with a density that belies its light, bright, colour. The plush fruit sweetness and inviting aromatics should excite all Grenache lovers, however, I believe the true quality of this wine will be expressed more accurately with decanting, or with another 3 to 5 years of cellaring.

The Vineyard

Vineyard: Slade Vineyard
Sub Appellation: Greenock
Elevation: 316m
Soil: red clay with scattered ironstone

Craig Isbel
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