



2022 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 2021/2022 growing season continued our run of cool vintages, with bountiful spring rain and no days recorded above 37 degrees. 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. There was one isolated but significant hailstorm that affected a narrow band of the Barossa on the 28th of October, which unfortunately smashed our home vineyard, as well as the Harold Vineyard in Eden Valley. All other sites remained unaffected, and the season delivered slightly below average yields, healthy canopies and perfectly ripe bunches. While many will consider 2021 a higher quality harvest, the wines of 2022 are exceptional in their own right, and will drink beautifully young but also age with poise, balance and refinement.

The Wine

The 2022 Rob & Les is fragrant, 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 energy in the wine is a testament to the season, with the purity of the fruit being a hallmark of classic Barossa Vintages.

The 2022 Rob & Les 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