



2022 Izway Three Brians Grenache

About Three Brians

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. The gnarled and twisted bush Grenache vines on our Seppeltsfield property each have their own personality. Much like the Three Brian's this wine is named after each is unique, no three are the same. 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

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 out 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 I believe 2021 will be considered a higher quality harvest, the wines of 2022 are still exceptional in their own right, and will equally drink beautifully young and age with poise, balance and refinement.

The Wine

Perfectly structured and balanced, the wine gracefully evolves in the glass with each sip, meandering through a range of fruit-driven characters. The texture is silky and plush, juicy, and intriguing. From our ancient 120-year-old bush vines a tiny batch of only 300 bottles were produced from the superb 2022 vintage. This wine is an example of what attention to detail, passion, enjoyment, craftsmanship, and energy can create.

The Vineyard

Vineyard: Izway Home block

Sub Appellation: Seppeltsfield

Planted: 1901

Soil: red clay with scattered bluestone

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

Craig Isbel
Winemaker