



2022 Izway Mates Aglianico

About Mates

Each year, the Mates is dedicated to people who have inspired, influenced and entertained us; our Mates. The Mates was the second wine that we crafted at Izway behind Bruce, and the first Vintage was 2004. Originally the wine was a blend of the traditional Barossa varieties Grenache, Shiraz and Mataro. As our personal drinking preferences evolved over the years, we began to make this a fresher, lighter style, eventually dropping the Shiraz and making the wine predominantly Grenache. In 2014 we made the wine from Aglianico and Mataro and 2018 was the first release of this wine being 100% Aglianico.

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

The 2022 Mates is familiar in style: fresh and energetic with signature Aglianico tannin and crisp natural acidity. Overtly floral notes override the subtle dark fruit aromas and compliment the earthy and savoury palate. It is a cracking drink for any occasion, but pairs well with BBQ'd meats and anything Italian.

The Vineyard

The Aglianico vineyard is located at the most North-Western corner of the Barossa Valley, with an east facing aspect and a significant gradient that facilitates shading from the hot afternoon summer sun. The soil is scattered with chunks of ironstone, providing a perfect site for grape vines.

Vineyard:	Andy, John & Barb Kalleske Aglianico Vineyard
Sub Appellation:	Koonunga
Planted:	2009
Elevation:	300m
Soil:	Red clay with chunky ironstone, and scattered gravel

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

Craig Isbel
Winemaker