



2023 Izway Three Brians Grenache

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 our home region of Seppeltsfield; 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 2022/2023 growing period continued our run of cool vintages and near record rain, with 53 days of rain recorded in spring alone. This extended run of wet springs in combination with average yields had a noticeably positive effect on the health of vineyards throughout the Barossa. It is less advantageous to have rain during harvest and fortunately, the wet weather settled down during summer and we were met with warm but not hot conditions. We only experienced thirteen days above 35 degrees and no days above 40 for the third year running. 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. A late start to harvest ensured that we were picking in the cool of Autumn, with the vast majority of fruit being received in April. Overall, a great harvest with excellent vineyard health and fruit condition with superb wines released from this vintage.

The Wine

This wine is crafted from our 120+-year-old organically grown vineyard and hand bottled at Izway at our off-grid winery. The first time the wine will leave the site is when it makes its journey to its new home in your cellar. Only 560 bottles were produced.

Perfectly structured and balanced, the wine gracefully evolves in the glass with each sip, meandering through a range of fruit driven characters with assertiveness and gratification. I have always loved the texture of Grenache from this vineyard, and the mouth feel is silky and plush, juicy, and intriguing. The season has delivered a profoundly balanced wine with flow and elegance that is an absolute pleasure to drink.

The Vineyards

Vineyard: Izway Home block

Sub Appellation: Seppeltsfield

Planted: 1901

Soil: Shallow red clay with scattered bluestone, ironstone and granite

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

Craig Isbel
Winemaker