



## 2023 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 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. 2023 doesn't appear to be in the same class as 2021 and 2022, but we will still release some superb wines from this vintage.

### The Wine

The 2023 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 2023 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