



2022 Izway Bruce Shiraz

About Bruce

The personal story of Izway began during the 2002 harvest in France, but the story of our wine began in 2003 when we made one barrel of wine from a great vineyard in the Northern Barossa. We named it Bruce. This single barrel held the first 300 bottles crafted by us and was named after Kathryn's father, who passed away the year the wine was bottled. This is the most iconic and personally significant wine that we produce. The remaining bottles of this first harvest are held dearly in our cellar. The wine is unashamedly and passionately Barossan, with power, depth, texture and structure. It can be consumed as a young wine or kept in the cellar for many years.

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 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.

Winemaking

Vinification began with a natural soak, followed by 10 to 14 days of natural fermentation in Stainless Steel Vats. During fermentation, we carefully managed extraction through manual plunging, pigeage, delestage, and open-air pumpovers. Once alcoholic fermentation was complete, the skins were basket-pressed before being transferred to seasoned French Oak Barriques for malolactic fermentation.

The Wine

Immediately assertive and assured, the 2022 Bruce displays classic Northern Barossa aromatics of dark chocolate, mocca, liquorice and cherry, with hints of clove and spice eluding further curiosities. There is a comforting familiarity to the nose that all Bruce lovers will adore, like a warm embrace from an old friend. The palate is alive and lush, smooth and juicy, with a gravelly, ripe tannin profile encircling the core of fruit. The vibrant energy in the wine is a testament to the cool harvest conditions, and we have worked hard on maintaining this freshness through maturation. This Bruce may well be the most approachable we have released, and it's soft, velvety and balanced texture belies its aging potential.

The Vineyards

Vineyard: (J.B.A) Kalleske Shiraz 'Bruce' Block (42%)
Sub Appellation: Koonunga Hill
Planted: 1980's
Soil: Sandy loam over deep clay
Elevation: 275m

Vineyard: Hoffmann Dimchurch (16%)
Sub Appellation: Ebenezer
Planted: 1950
Soil: Red/brown earth over dark red clays with a separating layer of chalky limestone
Elevation: 283m

Vineyard: Slade Shiraz (21%)
Sub Appellation: Greenock
Planted: 2010
Soil: Shallow rocky clay
Elevation: 316m

Vineyard: Kleinig Shiraz (21%)
Sub Appellation: Moppa
Planted: 1895
Soil: Sandy loam over deep clay
Elevation: 311m