

K A E S L E R



KAESLER OLD VINE SHIRAZ 2012

Kaesler Old Vine Shiraz has been consistently produced as an elegant wine, tight in its youth, a wine that is made to age. It represents a different style of Shiraz within the Kaesler portfolio, when compared to its bolder brothers, The Bogan and Old Bastard Shiraz. The fruit was harvested by hand on the 24/2/2012 starting at 6am in order to get most of the fruit off before the days starts to heat up and coming from 3 vineyards 53, 49 and 29 year old.

It is given 10 days on skins and the cap of the ferment wet down twice a day. Once pressed, it is then put to 30% new French oak and the balance is 1 and 2yr French. Over the next 23 months the wine is raked twice, topped regularly. No filtration.

Colour: Crimson red

Nose: Cherry, mixed dark fruits, spice and cedar notes.

Palate: Full bodied mouth filling tannins, lifted and bright acidity. Perfectly balanced and long finish.

Notes: The Old Vine Shiraz block at Nuriootpa, from which some of the fruit is sourced, is cuttings from its mother and neighbour, The Old Bastard vineyard (est 1893). The Old Bastard is genetic material that only exists in Australia, its parentage being lost to Phylloxera in Europe in the 1880's. The fruit from these vineyards was sold to various wineries over the years and often finding a home in some of the Barossa's most prestigious blends. The Old Vine was first retained and bottled as "Kaesler" in 1988. The original source block is still used along with two other parcels of comparable quality and genetic uniqueness. Although we consider it a blend of three separate parcels essentially three different soil types.