

# KAESLER



Our Old vine trio are released together each year to showcase the history and terroir of Kaesler Vineyards. The oldest vines belong to The Old Bastard 124 years old in 2017 followed by Alte Reben at 118 years and finally Old Vine at 56 years. Each wine represents the incredible capability of old vines when they are nurtured in a meticulous manner and treated with the respect they deserve by Nigel 'Vanders' Van der Zande and the team - To the envy of many we own our vineyards which allows us to trial and invest in techniques and programs to craft these wines. They say great wine begins in the vineyard and it is certainly true of these beautiful old vines!

All three wines in this collection are crafted specifically for cellaring. From the vineyard to the bottle every detail has been considered to ensure these wines are structure in such a way that they will age for decades to come. The ultimate wine collector's trio.

## ALTE REBEN SHIRAZ 2017

*Alte Reben, meaning 'Old Vines', demonstrates of the power and flavour of the older vines from the Kaesler estate. This wine is produced entirely from grapes grown in our Marananga vineyard planted in 1899. Not many can boast custody of a nine acre, single vineyard of Shiraz planted in the nineteenth century - we make the most of it. The wine is aged in new French oak Puncheons.*

### WINEMAKING

The fruit for Alte Reben was handpicked and was left for 7 days on skins. During this time, the wine was pumped over gently twice per day. This wine has been matured in 35% new and 65% 1 and 2-year-old French Oak for 19 months. No fining or filtration.

### VINTAGE CONDITIONS 2017

It was a great start to winter with regular rainfall starting in late May. Bud burst occurred in late August, which is fairly consistent for our vineyards. The rains and cooler than normal conditions continued throughout the year. With a smaller canopy we adjusted the crop load by thinning – this helped create the ideal fruit balance. Overall, while a challenging year for the vineyard team – made a little easier thanks to the many years tending the vines, the techniques deployed and the late cool vintage produced fruit with optimal ripeness and extraordinary quality.

**Varietal:** 100% Shiraz

**Vineyard:** Marananga

**Vintage:** 2017

**Oak:** French

**Barrel size:** Puncheons

**Clone:** FG Heritage

**Vine Age:** 118 years. Planted 1899

**Vine Status:** Centenarian

**Soils:** Loam over clay

**GI:** Barossa Valley

**pH** 3.59 | **TA** 6.1 g/l | **RS** 0.08 g/l | **Alc** 15.1%

### Colour

Deep and brooding arterial red - incredibly inviting

### Nose

A brilliant complexity on the nose, showing dark skinned fruit, blood plum, beetroot and berries. Deep in the glass is ripe boysenberry, blackberry. with smashings of roasted coffee, dark chocolate and a hint of split stone

### Palate

There is a intrigue to the wine that makes you want to savour. With ripe warm chocolate soufflee and plum confiture meeting you on the palate. Fantastic tannin courses through the palate, with ferrous mineral licks. The wine is rich , elegant, demanding and rewarding

## THE REAL REVIEW – HUON HOOKE 95 POINTS

*Deep red colour with a good purple tint. The bouquet is spicy and complex, elegant and restrained, with star anise and balsamic herb accents, a hint of Campari and attendant herbal bitterness, the palate full-bodied and powerful with a long-lasting aftertaste. A big, bold and very impressive shiraz. Some acceptable bitterness in the tannin/alcohol combination. A long-term wine. 11 FEB 2020*