

KAESLER



2021 Avignon GSM

Named after the town of 'Avignon' in the Châteauneuf-du-Pape region in France, which is famous for making a wine blended from Grenache / Shiraz / Mourvèdre, or GSM as we know it. At Kaesler each version of the 'Avignon' is slightly different depending on vintage conditions and composition of the varieties. However, every year the grapes are sourced from our famous 90 year old Barossa vines.

VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage was in a word 'Brilliant'. Barossa saw cool and dry conditions which has produced excellent quality reds and whites. Great growing conditions combined with good yields created a memorable harvest, with all wines showing a wide array of aromas and flavours. Soft supple tannins are in abundance in the reds which has ensured easy drinking in their youth, with careful cellaring also reaping rewards. The highlight for 2021 was the overall quality, a genuine 10/10 season.

REGENERATIVE FARMING

At Kaesler we strive to not only maintain but rebuild the soils, because at the end of the day we want to leave these precious old vines in better condition than we found them. It's a process called 'regenerative farming' as it's more than sustainability, it is a practice that constantly evolves so we are not just sustaining the environment, we are improving it.

WINEMAKING

As the back labels tells us, at Kaesler we have some of the oldest vines in the Barossa Valley and the three

varieties that go into the 2021 Avignon are indeed just that. This blend is comprised of 93 year old Grenache and Mourvèdre, and 58-year-old Shiraz help to fill out the pedigree of this wine. Each variety was fermented on skins for between 7 to 10 days, with careful management to avoid over-extraction. After pressing, each batch is kept separate and racked once or twice over the next twelve months, before being blended and given a light filtration before bottling.

APPEARANCE: Bright garnet to ruby red.

BOUQUET: Bursting with red berries.

PALATE: An ensemble of red and black berries on the front to middle palate, hints of savoury spice on the back.

ACCOLADES: 2023 Royal Perth Wine Show - Gold, 95 Points

Andrew Caillard MW 2023, 94 Points

2023 Royal Queensland Wine Awards, Silver, 93 Points

2023 Barossa Wine Show - Silver, 91 Points

2023 International Wine Challenge, Silver, 91 Points

2023 Royal Queensland Awards - Silver

Variety: 51% Gre / 25% Shz / 24% Mouv

Region: Barossa Valley

Vine age: 1930 & 1965

Soil type: Loam over clay

Harvest: Hand

Origin of oak: French

Oak Size: Barrique

Maturation: 15 months in oak

Yeast: Inoculated

Alc: 14%

RS: 0.6g/l

pH: 3.6

TA: 5.6

Vegan Friendly: Yes

Ageing Potential: 25+ years

