

# KAESLER

## OLD BASTARD - 2021

The Kaesler 'Old Bastard' Barossa Shiraz is arguably one of Australia's most highly regarded wines. The name refers to a small number of 'old bastards' – gnarly old bush vines planted in 1893, which form the heart of the Kaesler brand.

### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

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

Hand harvested in the early morning of March 9th after a "perfect" ripening season. The grapes were then immediately destemmed and fermented on skins for 7 days, with twice daily remontage. After pressing and subsequent settling, the wine was aged in 50% New French oak for 18 months, prior to bottling in March of 2023.

### APPEARANCE

Bright medium-deep crimson with a purple hue.

### PALATE

Incredibly intense and rich with black fruits, so youthful. This will be an Old Bastard for the ages.

### BOUQUET

Lifted plum, redcurrant, some earth and a hint of charry oak in the background.

### FOOD PAIRING

Fillet steak with mushroom sauce.



Varieties	Shiraz 100%
Vine Age	Planted in 1893
Region	Barossa Valley
Soil Type	Loam over clay
Harvest	By hand
Oak Origin	French oak
Maturation	18 months
Winemaker	Tim Dolan & Stephen Dew
Closure	Cork
pH/TA	3.39/6.54g/L
Vegan	Yes
Alcohol	14.5%
Peak Drinking	2026 - 2051

## Reviews

**98 points**

*Winepilot (Ken Gargett)*

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*Winepilot (Ray Jordan)*

**97 points**

*The Wine Front  
(Kasia Sobiesiak)*

**96 points**

*Halliday Wine Companion  
(Dave Brookes)*

**95 points**

*The Vintage Journal (Angus Hughson  
MW, Andrew Caillard MW)*

**95 points**

*The Real Review  
(Aaron Brasher)*