

KAESLER

OLD BASTARD - 2022

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

Winter rainfall for 2021 was 48% above average. The wet winter was welcomed after 3 dry years. Maximum temperatures were below average for the beginning of the growing season; however, the latter half was warmer providing good ripening conditions. A hail-storm on the 28th of October severely damaged some vines, fortunately most recovered and secondary shoots grew however, they were typically less fruitful than primary shoots which resulted in lower yields in some varieties.

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

Picked on March 20th following a perfect ripening period, the fruit arrived with excellent flavour concentration. The parcels were fermented on skins for 9 days, allowing for gentle extraction of colour, structure and depth, before being pressed and transferred to oak where it matured for 18 months.

APPEARANCE

Bright medium-deep crimson with a purple hue.

PALATE

Incredibly intense and rich with blue/black fruits, so youthful with a fine acid structure ensuring a long life ahead.

BOUQUET

Lifted plum, blueberry and pepper, 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	3.46/6.08g/L
Vegan	Yes
Alcohol	14.5%
Peak Drinking	2026 - 2045

Reviews

98 points

Campbell Mattinson

97 points

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

97 points

Winepilot (Ken Gargett)

97 points

Winepilot (Ray Jordan)

96 points

Halliday Wine Companion (Dave Brookes)

93 points

The Real Review (Huon Hooke)