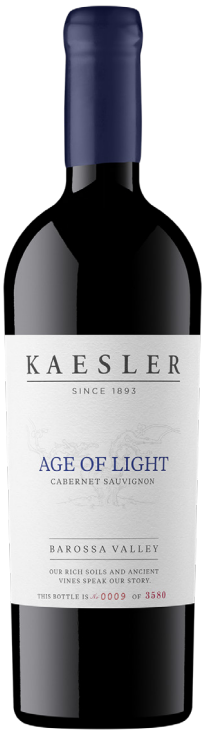
KAESLER

Age Of Light - 2023

Age of Light refers to our best parcel of Cabernet Sauvignon and only produced in vintages the winemakers determine worthy of the label. Made in extremely limited quantities, this wine was aged in the best barriques from Bordeaux for 18 months prior to bottling. The Age of Light comes from our 'Kids Cabernet' block, situated directly behind the winery. This tiny parcel was planted in 2017 using clones 169 & 337 and is limited to just 120 dozen.



VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Due to La Nina conditions the Barossa region experienced one of its wettest & coolest Spring. This resulted in delayed budburst with the flow on effect on ripening and picking decisions, with Vintage being 3-4 weeks later than usual. Disease pressure was increased by the wet conditions and required diligent vineyard management. Although the season was challenging, our ongoing regenerative farming techniques have assisted with building resilient vines that continue to produce outstanding fruit. This was evident in the 2023 vintage with the winemakers talking about the wine being elegant and structured with depth and length of flavour.

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

Planted to two clones of Cabernet Sauvignon sourced from Bordeaux in France. These are widely regarded for their ability to emphasise varietal character, which can be challenging to achieve in our dry and warm climate. The fruit for this wine was picked on the 8th of April and fermented in an open fermenter for 9 days prior to pressing. Aged in a mix of new and older French oak barriques for 18 months prior to bottling.

APPEARANCE

Deep crimson.

BOUQUET

Juicy black and blue fruits layered with subtle cedar spice, vibrant acidity and integrated tannins.

PALATE

Juicy, succulent mouthfeel with a silky flow, long and deep in flavour, with ripe tannins in excellent balance.

FOOD PAIRING

Best enjoyed with a roast lamb.

Varieties	Cabernet Sauvignon
Vine Age	Planted in 2017
Region	Barossa Valley
Soil Type	Loam over clay
Harvest	By hand
Oak Origin	French oak barriques
Maturation	18 months
Winemaker	Tim Dolan & Stephen Dew
Closure	Cork
pH/TA	3.54/6.42g/L
Vegan	Yes
Alcohol	13.5%
Peak Drinking	2026 - 2043

Reviews

95 points
Halliday Wine Companion
(Dave Brookes)

94 points
The Wine Front
Campbell Mattinson

94 points
Winepilot
(Ray Jordan)

93 points
Winepilot
(Ken Gargett)

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

93 points
The Real Review
(Huon Hooke)