

KAESLER

Old Vine Shiraz - 2023

Kaesler Old Vine Shiraz is produced from vines planted in the 1960s. The younger brother of the Old Bastard Shiraz, the old vine vineyard was planted with cuttings from the Old Bastard 1893 vines and aged in 500L French Oak puncheons to create a harmonious wine with a plush and soft texture.

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

Crafted from three estate blocks harvested from late March into early April in a classic later season, each parcel was hand picked and fermented on skins for 7 days before pressing and racking to oak for malolactic fermentation. The wine matured for 16 months in oak prior to bottling in early February 2025.

BOQUET

Red fruited, red currant and raspberry with a hint of plum. Bright, fresh and floral with some vanillin oak in background.

PALATE

Pure-fruited, red fruits on the palate, a softer acid structure with long, fine tannins to finish.

APPEARANCE

Ruby red, purple.

FOOD PAIRING

Beef and other red meat dishes, or slow roasted root vegetables.



Varieties	Shiraz 100%
Vine Age	Planted in 1961 & 1965
Region	Barossa Valley
Soil Type	Loam over clay
Harvest	By hand
Oak Origin	French oak puncheons
Maturation	16 months
Winemaker	Tim Dolan & Stephen Dew
Closure	Cork
pH/TA	3.63/5.63g/L
Vegan	Yes
Alcohol	14.5%
Peak Drinking	2026 - 2042

Reviews

95 points

Winepilot
(Ken Gargett)

95 points

Halliday Wine Companion
(Dave Brookes)

94 points

The Real Review
(Huon Hooke)

94 points

The Wine Front
(Campbell Mattinson)

94 points

Winepilot
(Ray Jordan)

92 points

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