

KAESLER

Alte Reben - 2021

Alte Reben, German for 'Old Vine', is a single vineyard Shiraz sourced from the Kaesler estate in Marananga, planted in 1899. The wine was matured in a combination of new and seasoned French Oak for 18 months. Few can boast custody of a nine-acre, single vineyard of Shiraz planted in the nineteenth century – we make the most of it.

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

Due to the size of the block, its undulating ground, and differing soil types, we typically hand-pick the Alte Reben vineyard in three sections. For the 2021 Alte Reben Shiraz, we used the 1st and 2nd harvested sections. Each parcel saw 7 to 8 days of skin contact, and during this time, the ferment was pumped over twice per day. This block is known for its power and presence; we need to be very mindful not to over-extract the skins during fermentation. After pressing, we let the wine settle for a few days before racking it into 40% new French oak barriques, with the balance being 2 and 3-year-old barrels.

APPEARANCE

Deep crimson with dense purple hue.

BOUQUET

Raspberries, red plums and spice.

PALATE

Oak supporting the rich, structural palate. Blueberries and spice overlaying the dense and rich full-bodied style that is Alte Reben at its absolute best.

FOOD PAIRING

Beef fillet steak and slow roasted root vegetables.



Varieties	Shiraz
Vine Age	Planted in 1899
Region	Barossa Valley
Soil Type	Loam over clay
Harvest	By hand
Oak Origin	French
Maturation	18 months
Winemaker	Tim Dolan & Stephen Dew
Closure	Cork
pH/TA	3.56/5.67g/L
Vegan	Yes
Alcohol	14.5%
Peak Drinking	2035 - 2045

Reviews

97 points
Winepilot (Ken Gargett)

97 points
Winepilot (Ray Jordan)

95 points
Halliday Wine Companion
(Dave Brookes)

95 points
The Real Review
(Gabrielle Poy)

95 points
The Wine Front
(Kasia Sobiesiak)