

# Kaesler Wines



## 1999 Old Bastard Shiraz

*Silver Medal, Wine Review Challenge 2002*

The Old Bastard Shiraz is fashioned from a single vineyard every year. It was planted in 1893 and is affectionately known as the OB's or Old Bastards

There are 2 soils types in the vineyard, a sandy loam and a clay loam, both over clay and limestone shale. These vines are dry grown with no irrigation

The 1999 growing season was best summed up as cloudy and cooler relative to most Barossa vintages. The vintage was remembered by some, for rains that diluted the concentration of most wines. The OB's with a root system reaching probably 20 feet down barely noticed the rain and yet again yielded a wine with awesome depth and concentration.

**Colour;** Rich and dense with clear purple colours in its youth

**Nose;** Blackberry, blueberry, plums, prunes and dates. Cedary oak with cloves and faint pepper aromas

**Palate;** Solid, with firm yet supple tannins. Great length and resonating aftertaste.

**Comments;** 1999 was written down by a lot of wine critics. We disagree. Our low yielding farming regime underwrites our ability to make wines with strength even in cooler and apparently lighter years.