

Kalleske 2003 Johann Georg Shiraz... nominated for the George Mackey Memorial Trophy for the most outstanding table wine exported in a 12 month period.

... **Wine Inspection Panel, Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation, Sep 2006.**

"2003 Kalleske Johann Georg Old Vine Shiraz... The 'standard' 2003 Kalleske Greenock Shiraz was pretty amazing, but this is something else again; deeply layered complexity of plum-jam-soaked maraschino cherries and fruit cake, and nuts, grape pips and blackberries."

.... **Max Allen, Gourmet Traveller Wine, Oct/Nov 2005**

"Johann Georg Shiraz 2003...A limpid, deep purple colour. The nose is feminine and highly perfumed with blackberry leaf and almost a grassy freshness. Brilliant definition. Succulent tannins on the palate, perfect ripeness with well-knit, pure black fruits and a touch of game and cooked meats towards the finish. An enigmatic Shiraz that will need 3-4 years to reach its plateau of maturity, but it will be well worth the wait. A stunning wine. 22 points, exceptionally fine."

.... **Neal Martin, Wine Journal, November 2005**

"Kalleske Shiraz – selected as a Great Australian Wine 'Emerging Classic'".

... **Great Australian Wine Adventure, Auction, October 14 2005**

"Kalleske Johan Georg Old Vine Barossa Shiraz 2003... This has a wonderfully opulent ripe open nose showing brooding dark fruits and some savoury spiciness, together with a hint of leathery character. Huge weight on the palate which is massively dense and concentrated yet brilliantly balanced with a firm spicy structure under the dense dark fruits. There's a bit of meatiness too. A brilliant effort. .Excellent 96/100."

... **Jamie Goode, wineanorak.com, October 2005**

"Kalleske Johann Georg Old Vine Shiraz 2003... Troy Kalleske is a gun young producer who is turning heads at the moment with the intensity of his red wines from the Greenock subregion of the Barossa Valley. Pulling in at 15.5% alcohol, the 2003 Johann Georg Old Vine Shiraz is about as big as they get. When I visited Troy in March, he showed me the gnarled old 1875 vines from which the fruit is extracted before it spends two years in French and American oak barrels. The result is a dark, vibrant purple beast of out-of-this-world proportions. Rich berry/cherry/prune fruit swirls with spice and vanillin oak. For all of its intensity it lacks nothing in balance, with well-structured grippy tannins and tart acidity holding it together. Leave it for five years, then go for it - if you're game! 94 out of 100 points. Excellent wine! Love it."

....**Tyson Stelzer, tysonstelzer.com, October 2005**

"**The Johann Georg 2003** is a massive wine: if power and guts are what you want in a \$100 shiraz this has them."

....**Huon Hooke, Good Living – The Sydney Morning Herald, October 4 2005**

"Kalleske Johann Georg Shiraz 2003... Dense red-purple; rich black fruits, licorice and prune, with spicy elements; at 15.5% alcohol it just seems a little too ripe. Highly Recommended. 91 out of 100"

..... **James Halliday, WinePros, August 2005**

"... the density of the flavour of the Shiraz and Grenache is awesome."

..... **James Halliday, 2006 James Halliday Australian Wine Companion, August 2005**

"Glaetzer Amon-Ra Shiraz is probably the cult wine of the moment, followed by Kalleske Greenock Shiraz (the release of its Johann Georg Shiraz will no doubt up the ante)."

..... **Andrew Caillard MW, Gourmet Traveller Wine, Aug/Sept 2005**

"Kalleske – Shiraz... chosen as one of the 'Great Australian Emerging Classics' by a panel of experts including Ian McKenzie, Peter Scudamore-Smith MW, Max Allen and John Hanley."

..... **Deloitte/Finlaysons Great Australian Wine Adventure, 25<sup>th</sup> July 2005**

"**Kalleske 2003 Johann Georg Shiraz**... A deeply complex, attention-grabbing bouquet, drinking this wine at this time was the worst possible case of vinifanticide. No matter how you describe this wine, "damn fine" as Brian said, or "a complete wine" as John expressed it, the superlatives are immaterial. The finest fruit imaginable exudes coffee, 70% Lindt chocolate, black fruits and a bitter almond finish that is longer than a country mile. An impressively full-bodied, stylish wine; it is tight, solid, harmonious already and should become seamless in time. Rated as **Excellent**... the rating should improve as the wine matures."

**Ric Einstein, TorbWine, SA Tour Diary 2005**

"Kalleske Johann Georg Old Vine Shiraz 2003... It does have a load of smoky, toasty, custardy oak on it – which in some ways runs counter to the great appeal of Kalleske wines. Indeed oak is the start and end point of this wine. The counter-attack to that though is substantial, with rich, plush, mouthfilling fruit washing through your mouth, an explosion of plums and chocolate and fully-ripened grape skins. All this gives the wine an enormous drinkability, though its back-fill of fine, impressive tannins suggests that keeping it will reward. If the oak recedes, we have a significant wine on our hands. Will it? Only the wine can answer... 92 points."

..... **Campbell Mattinson, Winefront Monthly, April-May 2005**

"Kalleske 2003 Shiraz Johann Georg..... (97-100)"

"**2003 Shiraz Johann Georg.** A remarkable effort cropped at 1 ton of fruit per acre (129-year-old vines), and aged primarily in new American and French oak, its inky/blue/purple color is accompanied by classic scents of graphite, acacia flower, roasted meat, blackberry and crème de cassis notes. This is a full-bodied, fabulously endowed, potentially legendary Shiraz."

..... **Robert Parker Jr., The Wine Advocate, October 2004**