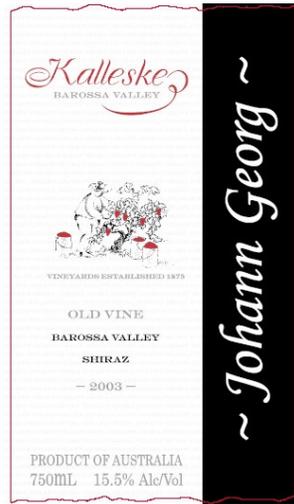




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2003 KALLESKE JOHANN GEORG SHIRAZ



Johann Georg Shiraz is produced in South Australia's Barossa Valley, by the Kalleske family who have been farming and growing grapes since the 1800s. It is a genuine estate wine - grown, vintaged and matured on the Kalleske estate at Greenock. Johann Georg Shiraz is a single vineyard wine produced from the oldest vineyard on the Kalleske farm. The wine is a tribute to Johann Georg Kalleske, the first Kalleske ancestor to migrate to Australia. Johann Georg was born in Brätz, Prussia in 1794 and migrated to South Australia with his wife and children in 1838.

Growing Season:

The 2003 growing season began with a cool and relatively windy start. Summer was hot and generally dry. There was rain in late February which caused no serious problems but rather helped to freshen the vines and provide moisture to finish ripening. March was cool to mild and April was generally mild to warm with classic Autumn weather providing ideal ripening conditions.

Vineyard:

This vineyard was planted in 1875 and produces very low yields of around one tonne per acre from old, knarly, dry grown vines. The top soil is sandy with excellent clay subsoil.

Winemaking:

The old Shiraz vines were hand picked on the 11th March and the grapes gently destemmed into a small open top fermenter. The grapes were fermented for a week on skins where hand pumpovers were employed two to three times daily. The must was basket pressed while still fermenting (approximately one baume) and immediately filled to new American and French oak hogsheads where it completed fermentation.

The wine was matured in hogsheads for two years prior to bottling. Johann Georg Shiraz is bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

Tasting Notes:

The wine is black in colour with a purple rim.

On the nose there is an abundance of ripe dark fruit, chocolate, liquorice, white pepper and roasted meats. The palate is truly amazing. A complex array of ripe, black fruits combined with pepper, cedar and dark chocolate. The tannins are extremely smooth and velvety. The wine is multi-layered and it has a very long and appealing finish.

A truly genuine old vine wine of amazing richness and complexity. Something special.