

KALLESKE JOHANN GEORG SHIRAZ 2004

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:

A warm, wet Spring was followed by a dry Summer that began hot but was followed by a cool January allowing slow ripening for optimum colour and flavour development. Summer finished warm and then perfect vintage conditions ensued with a dry, mild Autumn with sunny days and cool nights. A solid vintage with good flavour.

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 harvested on the 8th 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 and immediately filled to new French oak hogsheads where it completed fermentation. The wine was matured in hogsheads for two years prior to bottling. Johann Georg Shiraz is bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

Tasting Notes:

The colour is deep black-red. The nose is brooding with plum, aniseed, briar, mocha, earth, ink and pepper. These flavours continue to the palate which is beautifully balanced. The wine is well structured with fine silky tannins. A very lengthy finish completes a distinguished wine. A magnificent wine that will cellar for a long time.



*This wine is 100% Organic
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