

**Kalleske 2005 Shiraz Johann Georg Old Vine**  
**96 points**



Kalleske's top wine is the 150-case cuvee of **Shiraz Johann Georg Old Vine** from a 129-year-old vineyard. Named after the first Kalleske, a native of Silesia (sic) who immigrated to Australia in 1838, **it offers just about everything one could want** in a Barossa Valley Shiraz. Aged two years in new French and American 300 liter hogsheads, and produced from yields of one ton of fruit per acre, this cuvee is extraordinarily consistent in **2004 and 2005**. In fact, it's hard to choose a favorite. Both wines exhibit **great intensity**, inky/purple colors, and notes of creosote, camphor, blackberries, cassis, and subtle vanillin/pain grille notes. **Unbelievably unctuous and full-bodied, with stunning concentration, thrilling purity, and amazing length** as well as richness, both of these vintages should evolve gracefully for 15+ years.

... Robert Parker Jr., The Wine Advocate, Oct 31 2006

**Kalleske Johann Georg Shiraz 2005**



The good news is that **this wine is bloody fantastic**. The bad news is that it's a one bottle limit per customer and already sold out. It's all happening here with aromas of blackberry, dark plum, aniseed, chocolate, eucalypt, coal and vanilla pudding. Richly fruited and handsomely oaked. On the palate full bodied with a torrent of flavour including black fruit, raspberry, aniseed, chocolate, tar, cedar and vanilla. Intense and deep but not at the expense of freshness. Lovely creamy texture with plenty of fine ripe powder fine tannins and clean acidity. **Enormous length of flavour. It's a show stopper and a jaw dropper.** I'd buy a bottle if I could.

Rated : **96 Points**. Drink : 2014 – 2025

... Gary Walsh, Winorama, July 2007

**TORBWINE**

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**Sigh! If only all wines were this good.....**

A wine that is all about structure, fruit quality and finish, and yet it is one of those rare beasts that will continue to improve for years, but it is still bloody drinkable now.

Aromas of blackberry, blackcurrant/black plum spectrum fruit, cedar and subtle spices are inviting. The deep, pure, strong fruit is perfectly framed by dusty tannins and unobtrusive acid.

The palate is rich and sumptuous with blackberry, chocolate, aniseed and coffee flavours, which has a throttling finish that goes a full lap past the checkered flag. Full-bodied solid, and harmonious already, in time it should become seamless.

**A class act, it's rated as Excellent** with \*\*\* for value now, and well-

worth the \$100 flag fall, and the price won't matter when it reaches it's peak and the rating improves.

... Ric Einstein, TorbWine, July 2007

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Troy Kalleske and his family just continue to run from strength to strength.

There's a powerhouse of vineyard behind the wines, all faithfully delivered in the winery and appreciated by all who taste them. This, the top wine from Kalleske, is **rich and regional, crafted with balance but still packing a real punch**, dark berry fruit aromas, earthy spices, ripe yet fresh. **The palate is a symphony of texture and flavour, filling the mouth with deep old vine fruit concentration, it's a powerful proposition.** Oak is thoroughly integrated and tannins run in deep channels through to the finish. **It's a convincing rendition of young hands at the wheel of old vine heritage. 93 points.**

...Nick Stock, The Adelaide Review, June 8-21, 2007

## Kalleske Johann Georg Shiraz 2005

Sourced from dry-grown, low-yield shiraz planted in 1875 and the family's flagship wine. **A gorgeous wine** reflecting the quality of the fruit, it has complex aromas including dark plum, cinnamon and coffee, while the palate is crammed with sweet, juicy shiraz fruit flavours finishing with soft, fine-grained tannins. **A big red for a big occasion.**

... Ross Noble, *The Courier*,  
22 August 2007



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The 2005 Shiraz "Johann Georg" raises the stakes to a new level. It is sourced from vines planted in 1875 and yielding a tiny 1.5 tons per acre. It spent 2 years in American and French hogsheads, two-thirds new. It is more complex aromatically with a splendid bouquet of toast, smoke, creosote, violets, black cherry, and blackberry. Full-bodied, big and rich, but still relatively unyielding, it has remarkable concentration, purity, and length. It needs 6-8 years of further bottle age to begin revealing its full potential and will drink well through 2035 if not longer.

... Jay Miller, *Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate*,  
October 2007