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## KALLESKE JOHANN GEORG SHIRAZ 2006

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 2006 growing season was interesting and diverse and can't be summed up as either cool, hot, wet or dry as it was all of these in one! Spring and early Summer were extremely wet and windy and this was then followed in mid January by the biggest heat wave since the 1940s. Fortunately this heat was early enough in the season to not be detrimental. After this heat, cooler conditions prevailed to the end of Summer. Another warm and dry period in early Autumn helped the grapes ripen and mature good flavours. Cool, wet conditions prevailed late in the season resulting in vibrant fresh fruit flavours being retained and predominating in the grapes.

### *Vineyard:*

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

### *Winemaking:*

The old Shiraz vines were harvested on the 25<sup>th</sup> March and the grapes gently destemmed into a small open top fermenter. The grapes were fermented for fourteen days on skins where hand pumpovers were employed two to three times daily. The must was basket pressed and immediately filled to new and seasoned French & American 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 colour is dark red. The nose is complex with aromas of black fruit, cured meats, cedar, plum and pipe tobacco. The palate is full-bodied and sophisticated. Finely textured tannins combined with pure fruit, subtle barrel ferment characters and great balance provide for a classy wine. The palate is intense and lingers for a very long time giving this wine a generous finish. A superb wine that whilst drinks well upon release will ultimately benefit from a decade or more in the cellar.