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KALLESKE OLD VINE GRENACHE 2006

Old Vine Grenache 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.

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:

Old Vine Grenache is made from a single vineyard planted in 1935 as bush vines on the Kalleske farm. The vineyard soil is shallow sand with light clay subsoil and the grapes are entirely dry-grown ensuring intensely flavoured fruit.

Winemaking:

Following picking on the 19th April, grapes were destemmed into open-top fermenters. This old vine vineyard provides excellent natural acidity, with acid additions not required. The must was warmly fermented using native yeast and ferment temperatures reached up to 32 degrees celsius. Gentle hand pumpovers were carried out twice a day for flavour and colour extraction. After fermentation on skins for thirteen days the must was traditionally basket pressed and then filled to barrel. The wine was matured in American and French oak hogsheads for two years prior to bottling. An intense, rich and robust Barossa Grenache.

Tasting Notes:

The wine is rich red in colour. There are lifted aromas of sandalwood, spice, perfume, coffee and fruit cake. The refined, full bodied palate is mouthfilling with beautiful Grenache fruit flavours. Tannins are prominent but well polished, providing a layered structure. The wine is well balanced and completed by a long finish. This distinguished wine drinks well now but is ideally suited for serious cellaring.

