

Kalleske
BAROSSA VALLEY



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2015 KALLESKE FORDSON ZINFANDEL

In 1853, the Kalleske vineyard and farm was established at Greenock in the Barossa's North-West. For 97 years horses were used to work the vineyard and land. This changed in 1950 when a new type of horse-power arrived on the property, a 'Fordson' Major tractor. The Fordson soon became a valuable and integral part of vineyard and farm activities. Fordson Zinfandel (a.k.a. Primitivo) is a single vineyard wine that's been grown, vintaged and matured on the Kalleske property. Vigilant grape growing combined with traditional winemaking and fourteen months barrel maturation has resulted in a flavoursome varietal Zinfandel displaying classic structure and richness typical of the Kalleske vineyard.

GROWING SEASON

Vintage 2015 produced excellent wines. It began with a wet Winter followed by a very dry growing season with less than half the average rainfall. Spring was warmer than average leading to an earlier budburst and early vintage. Summer brought average temperatures, ensuring the dry conditions were not stressful to the vines, and a slow even ripening ensued. Quality is brilliant, certainly one of the highlights in recent years.

VINEYARD

Fordson is a single vineyard Zinfandel from the Kalleske property. The hand-pruned vines are low-yielding and are grown in shallow, sandy loam soil over superb deep red clay.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested on March 10th and pressed ten days later on March 20th, with pumpovers employed twice daily whilst on skins. Following pressing the wine was matured in seasoned hogsheads for fourteen months prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

2015 Fordson Zinfandel is rich purple-red in colour. The aromatics are lifted and very inviting. There is blackberry jam, jubes, clove spice, Christmas cake and a touch of choc-mint. The palate is full-bodied and oozes with ripe black fruits that are fresh and juicy. There is a solid tannin structure, complimenting the bright dark fruits, adding a chewy backbone. Seasoned oak adds further complexity but importantly only in the background. Strong in varietal characters, this is a fascinating and expressive wine that is completed with a lingering finish. Approachable and fruit forward, Fordson Zinfandel can be enjoyed now or over the next five years.



This wine is 100% Organic /
Biodynamic as certified by
Australian Certified Organic.

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