

Kalleske
BAROSSA VALLEY



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2015 KALLESKE MERCHANT CABERNET SAUVIGNON

In 1838, merchant and miller, Johann Georg Kalleske migrated from Prussia, establishing a new life in South Australia. Today, seven generations later, descendant and fellow merchant and miller, Kym John Kalleske, farms our diverse Kalleske property established at Greenock in the North-Western Barossa in 1853. Continuing the family tradition, Kym is a miller of hay and a merchant of chaff, lamb and grapes. This Merchant Cabernet Sauvignon is a single vineyard wine that's been hand pruned and harvested by Kym. Traditional winemaking and sixteen months in barrel has ensured a full-bodied varietal Cabernet Sauvignon 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

Merchant Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from a single vineyard that was planted on the Kalleske property at the end of last century. The hand-pruned vines are low-yielding and are grown in shallow, sandy loam soil over superb deep red clay, providing ideal conditions for Cabernet Sauvignon.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were picked on March 24th and then destemmed into an open top fermenter. The must was fermented for nine days on skins with hand pumpovers twice a day. After pressing off skins the Cabernet was filled to a mix of 30% new and the balance used French oak hogsheads, where the wine underwent natural malolactic fermentation. The Cabernet was matured in barrel for fourteen months prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

2015 Merchant Cabernet Sauvignon is vivid purple-red in colour. The aroma is enticing with lifted boysenberry, cedar, violet and molasses. The very engaging aromatics lead to the equally charming medium-full bodied palate. Dark berried fruits are spread throughout and together with classy oak make for a captivating wine. The natural tannins add a refreshing dryness to compliment the sweet fruits and give muscular form. Varietal character is respected, powerful but controlled giving good balance. A long finish completes a very smart wine. Merchant is a classic Barossa Cabernet that can be equally enjoyed now or in a decade.



This wine is 100% Organic /
Biodynamic as certified by
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