



# Kalleske News

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## **WELCOME !**

Welcome to the inaugural edition of Kalleske News. Our newsletter will be published twice a year – there'll be an Autumn edition and a Spring edition.

Enjoy!

...Troy Kalleske, Winemaker.



VINTAGE SUNRISE OVER CLARRY'S GRENACHE VINEYARD

## **KALLESKE – an introduction...**

Since the 1800's the Kalleske family have been farming and growing grapes near the village of Greenock in South Australia's Barossa Valley. We are one of the regions leading grapegrowing families, consistently growing some of the Barossa's best quality grapes. After five generations of growing grapes, we ventured into winemaking with the establishment of the Kalleske winery and creation of the Kalleske label. The winery is situated on the family estate where small open top fermenters and a basket press ensure the vineyard realises its full potential as wine.

The vineyard is managed by my father, fifth generation grapegrower, John Kalleske who has over forty years experience tending the vineyard. I'm the winemaker, having previously worked with John Duval at Penfolds and Rolf Binder at Veritas. The 100 acre vineyard is planted to Shiraz, Grenache, Cabernet Sauvignon, Semillon and Chenin Blanc. Vines vary in age with the oldest vineyard dating back to 1875 and an overall average vine age of about 50 years. The vineyard is low yielding and all grapes are grown organically.

There are five wines in the Kalleske range. Clarry's Barossa White is a blend of Semillon and Chenin Blanc and it's partner Clarry's Barossa Red is a Grenache Shiraz blend. The Greenock Shiraz is a varietal Shiraz made from a single vineyard near the Western edge of the Greenock Creek. The Old Vine Grenache is from a small dry-grown vineyard planted as bush vines on the Kalleske farm in 1935 and the Johann Georg Shiraz is made from a dry-grown vineyard planted on the estate in 1875, providing extremely rich and concentrated fruit.

Our wines are estate grown and vinified with minimalistic winemaking techniques used to fully capture the essence of the vineyard allowing us to produce genuine hand made estate wines.

## **VINTAGE REPORT**

The 2004 Kalleske vintage began on the 4<sup>th</sup> March when Chenin Blanc was harvested for Clarry's White. This was followed by Clarry's Semillon, Greenock Shiraz, Johann Georg Shiraz, Old Vine Grenache and vintage concluded with the final harvest on April 19<sup>th</sup> of Clarry's Grenache.

The 2004 growing season began with excellent winter rainfall and was followed by a warm, wet spring. The Summer was dry and began very hot in December but this was followed by a cool January allowing slow ripening for optimal colour production and flavour development. February was hot, giving the vines a burst of warmth and resultant rising baumes. In March the Barossa experienced perfect vintage conditions with daily temperatures in the mid to high 20's and cool nights. April was also ideal with mild weather and no rain.

Across the board 2004 has produced some excellent wines. The reds are all currently maturing in oak hogsheads and are looking good, with deep colour and an abundance of fruit flavours.



OVERLOOKING THE KALLESKE VINEYARD



JOHANN GEORG SHIRAZ

Johann Georg Shiraz... not a great volume, but certainly a great wine, very stylish.

Old Vine Grenache... this old vineyard never disappoints and the 2004 is again looking amazing... harvested at 16.0 baume with intense ripe Grenache flavours.

Greenock Shiraz... unmistakably of the same character as the '02 and '03, with perhaps a touch more elegance.

Clarry's Barossa Red... this is the first vintage for Clarry's which will be a blend of Grenache and Shiraz... the components are already looking smart and it promises to be a mouth watering wine when it's released later this year.

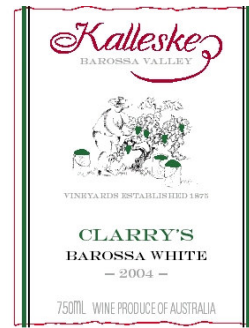
Clarry's Barossa White... the bottling of this Semillon Chenin Blanc blend took place in early May and this wine is essentially the vineyard in a bottle – just plenty of fresh, vibrant fruit.

So overall, a very pleasing vintage from 2004!



DRAINING GREENOCK SHIRAZ INTO BASKET PRESS

**2004 Clarry's Barossa White (Semillon Chenin Blanc)**



**The wine...** brilliant straw in colour with green tints... the nose is alive with uplifting tropical fruit aromas combined with freshly cut rockmelon... on the palate, these fresh tropical characters are combined with lively grapefruit citrus and a wonderful acid balance and moderately crisp lingering finish... a fresh, vibrant and intensely fruity wine, best enjoyed while young and fresh.

**The name?...** Clarry's Barossa White is named in honour of my Grandfather, eighty six year old Clarence "Clarry" Kalleske, who farmed the Kalleske vineyards from the late 1920s until his retirement in the 1990s. Clarry was the fourth generation member to tend the vines on the Kalleske family farm, established by his great grandparents who migrated from Prussia to South Australia in 1838 aboard the Prince George. Many years were spent by Clarry pruning, hand-picking and nurturing the vineyards that make up the blend.

**The winemaking...** Following the cool night harvesting of the Chenin Blanc and morning hand-picking of the Semillon, the grapes were crushed, pressed and the juice immediately cooled to retain the fresh fruit vibrancy. The juice was cold settled for 48 hours followed by a cool fermentation with light grape solids incorporated for added complexity. The wine was bottled shortly after fermentation to fully capture the freshness of the grapes and has been sealed with a screw cap to retain maximum vibrancy.



FRESHLY PICKED SEMILLON FOR CLARRY'S WHITE



## REVIEWS

Since release, Kalleske has been well received by consumers and critics alike. Below are an extract of some of the recent accolades:

"Kalleske 2002 Greenock Shiraz ...a wine on the heroic scale... exceptional quality ... 96 points."

... James Halliday,  
The Weekend Australian, April 2004

"Kalleske ... most exciting new brand from the Barossa in 20 years - since the arrival of Rockford ... compulsory buying for Barossan red lovers ...Kalleske 2002 Old Vine Grenache ... too beautiful to imagine ... 94 points ...Kalleske 2002 Greenock Shiraz ... fabulous wine ... 93 points."

... Campbell Mattinson,  
Winefront Monthly, March 2004

"Kalleske 2002 Old Vine Grenache ...I take my hat off... concentrated... black fruits... notable for the structure... 94 points."

... James Halliday,  
The Weekend Australian, May 2004

"So where are the hot, emerging wineries that offer opportunities for wine lovers seeking quality wine both for drinking and the prospect of capital appreciation?...Barossa...Kalleske..."

... Mortgage Magazine, October 2003

"Write down the name Kalleske ... a very handy range of wines..."

... Colin Climo, The Bulletin, June 2004

"Kalleske 2002 Old Vine Grenache... amazed the entire panel! ...sheer quality ...intensity, structure ...ability to cellar into something special ...great wine ...Kalleske 2002 Greenock Shiraz ...intense ...balanced ...amazing length ...delicious now, and will cellar beautifully."

...Auswine blind tasting panel, March 2004

No argument at Wine Selection Panel tastings about Kalleske - the wines are among the best we have tasted earning high praise from both Toni Paterson MW and Rob Geddes MW."

..... Heritage Fine Wines, November 2003

"Kalleske ... great stuff ...a new star is born in the Barossa Valley."

... Gavin Trott,  
Australian Wine Centre, March 2004

"An Australian Côte Rotie ...simply stunning - Australia meets France. A seriously good wine, with great elegance and enormous marketability."

... Rob Geddes MW and Christophe Priddle,  
November 2003

"Hot Brand 2003 ...Kalleske ...Hot Brands represent 10 of the most exciting quality wine producers in Australia today ... Kalleske's Shiraz is in the Grange mould, dense, concentrated and destined for long life."

... eNewsletter, Heritage Fine Wines,  
December 2003

## FUTURE RELEASES

### 2003 Greenock Shiraz

... a stunning follow up to the 2002... to be released in October 2004.

### 2004 Clarry's Barossa Red

... a newcomer to the range... Clarry's is a flavoursome blend of Grenache and Shiraz... available in late 2004.

### 2003 Old Vine Grenache

... still maturing in old oak hogsheads and looking nice... planned release in early 2005.

### 2003 Johann Georg Shiraz

... only a tiny amount made, but an amazing wine from 128 year old vines... available in early 2005.



VINEYARD SUPERVISOR "JAG"

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