



# Kalleske News

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## GREETINGS

Welcome to our first Newsletter for 2009 which coincides with the completion of a very successful vintage and the opening rains of the season. Around two and a half inches of rain has fallen over the past week in the Barossa. It started falling the day after we pressed the last grapes for this year, so the timing couldn't have been more perfect!

Cheers, Troy and Tony



*3 generations of Kalleskes picking the 2009 Johann Georg Shiraz – Lorraine, Kylie and Josie. The dogs like to think they are helping too!*

## HAPPENINGS ...

We've again been fortunate to receive numerous awards and reviews for our wines and it's particularly pleasing to receive accolades for our two new wines, the 2007 Moppa Shiraz and 2008 Florentine Chenin Blanc. The major accolade received to date for Moppa include 5 stars and Top Wine of Category in a recent Winestate tasting and the Florentine scored 92+++ points from renowned critic Philip White with him describing it as 'intense but elegant, and ...utterly delicious'. The Florentine has certainly aroused interest since release. It is not just your run of the mill classic, dry white, but a wine that is a bit out there, with its wild yeast ferment, high solids and Russian oak adding texture, structure and complexity.

We've been certified organic in the vineyard for over 10 years now and the winery has been certified organic since inception in 2002. But after

practising biodynamics for almost a decade we have recently gained Biodynamic certification. 'Biodynamic' or 'biologically dynamic' is a farming system where the health of the soil is of utmost importance, principally high in biological activity, rich in humus and well structured. Healthy soil is a prime basis for healthy vines, expressive grapes and quality wines. We believe that farming the vineyard organically and biodynamically results in more genuine and individualistic wines that are truer to their site. And this natural way of farming is also a positive for the environment. In our Spring 2006 newsletter ([available here](#)) we detailed what organic viticulture is all about and in a future edition we'll go into further detail about biodynamics.

The pro-cyclist and 7 time Tour de France winner, Lance Armstrong, was in town – literally, and was he going really fast! How do they manage to do it?! On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January the Tour Down Under passed though Greenock, twice en route from Burnside to the finish of Stage 4 at Angaston. The cyclists passed right by the site of our future Kalleske tasting room. We will be opening our cellar door in a 100 year old former general store, right in the heart of Greenock. We don't have an opening date yet, but stay tuned for further details.



*Which one's Lance? (we don't know either!) passing by our future Kalleske cellar door*

Our Greenock Shiraz was going quick too when it was served at the Adelaide Clipsal 500 Premier's State Dinner, Premier Mike gave it the thumbs up!

The Barossa Valley Vintage Festival was held again this year, with Kalleske involved in a number of events including the Greenock “A Day in the Village”, Clarets Clarified and the Rare Wine Auction.

Greenock “A Day in the Village” was held on Easter Monday. Another picture perfect day ensured that good crowds attended this year. The Kalleske stall proved popular- and it was great to meet face to face with some of our mail order customers.

The Barossa Vintage Festival Rare Wine Auction was held in April, with a record breaking \$245,266 raised. Magnums of the Kalleske Greenock Shiraz 2005 & 2004 were bought for \$400 & \$450 respectively. If you’re after a magnum of Greenock Shiraz, the 2007 vintage is available now.



Troy and Sal made their way to Europe in October, visiting importers in 6 countries including the UK, Denmark, Sweden, The Netherlands, France and Ireland, to do dinners and tastings of Kalleske wines.

*Troy working hard in Ireland*

In the final week of vintage we were visited by a UK Film Crew producing a series on the World of Wine, using the Barossa as their pilot region. It was great to be included as one of the wineries where they chose to film.



*Lights, camera, action*

In February ABC radio broadcast the “Country Hour” from our winery, asking about the upcoming vintage and how it was looking. They sampled some of our new releases and the Country Hour was certainly a ‘Happy Hour’ for the hosts, Annabelle and Lorna.



*The ABC Country Hour girls having some on-air fun*

## **VINTAGE 2009**

It has been a brilliant vintage – with ideal ripening conditions and great quality.

Vintage 2009 started with a cooler than average growing season with December being 2 degrees below average. January began mild but finished with a vengeance, continuing into early February. We experienced 12 days in a row over 37 degrees with 7 of these days over 40. This was just as the vines were going through veraison. The intense heat dehydrated some berries and wiped away some of the yield. However, this heat in January/February was timed much better than the intense heat wave we experienced in early March last year. By occurring a month or so before harvest, the vines and berries were in a fresher, more robust state and so were able to cope and recover much better, with quality not being affected.

Following the heat wave, perfect conditions (mid 20s) prevailed for the rest of February and into March. In the first week of March there was a refreshing 14mm of rain which was great for the vines – keeping them vibrant. The remainder of March and April was perfect vintage weather with temperatures in the mid to high 20s.

Vintage began on 27<sup>th</sup> February with the Florentine Chenin Blanc as well as the first of the Shiraz picked. It was completed on 14<sup>th</sup> April with Mataro, Grenache and Petit Verdot all being harvested.

Shiraz yields ended up being down about 12 percent whilst Grenache was down around 11 percent, other varieties were about average.

This year we undertook vintage in a new shed. Well, sort of. It's actually an old hay shed that we madly renovated over Summer to make ready (just in time!) for the 2009 vintage.



Shed – December 2008... lots of work to go!



Early February 2009... insulation going in – a fun job, not!



Late February 2009... all happening.

For vintage this year there were four of us to help out – Tony, Troy, Darren and Steve. We all thought it was a good idea to not have to worry about our hair during vintage so on the first day of vintage the heads were shaved.



Looking not so cool!



Unfortunately the clippers broke down when we hadn't quite finished Steve's head... leaving a nice little tuft of hair!

## NEW RELEASES

### 2008 Clarry's GSM

For the first time, the Clarry's is a GSM, with 10 percent Mataro being blended with the 60 percent Grenache and 30 percent Shiraz. The Mataro adds a beautiful textural richness to the wine and is certainly an asset in the blend. The basis for Clarry's is 40 and 60 year old Grenache vines that performed extremely well in 2008. Fortunately, Grenache is a variety that thrives in arid conditions and the March 2008 heat wave didn't phase



these old vines which produced intense, rich and flavoursome fruit. Purple-black in colour, Clarry's 2008 has intense aromas of Christmas cake, black fruits, plums, dark chocolate and clove spice. On the palate it is rich and juicy with intense dark fruit flavours and ripe tannins; soft, but full with a solid structure. Clarry's is a complex and refined blend that is completed by a very intense and lengthy finish.



### 2007 Greenock Shiraz

2007 was a drought affected year with yields down by about 30 percent. Wines from 2007 are very well structured and should cellar for a long time. The Greenock Shiraz 2007 is deep red-black in colour with bright aromatics of black cherry, roses, cinnamon, nutmeg and chocolate. The palate is full bodied and displays bright fruit flavours balanced with subtle oak complexity. A layered structure and tight, but integrated tannins add multiple dimensions. A very pure intensity brings a harmonious balance to the wine. The 07 Greenock has a very long finish and will cellar well.

### 2007 Old Vine Grenache

In 2007 this 1935 single vineyard planting of dry grown Grenache performed well. Whilst 2007 was a drought year, there are contradictorily many 'cooler' characters coming through in this wine. It's deep red in colour with the nose displaying enticing aromas of raspberry, licorice, rose petal and dusty pepper spice. On the full-bodied palate there are flavours of fleshy fruit, cherries and a touch of earth. Tannins are fine and tight and a layered structure enhances this complex wine. The finish lingers for a very long time with intense old vine Grenache flavours. As in previous years the Old Vine Grenache drinks well upon release but the 2007 vintage is ideally suited for serious cellaring.



### 2007 Johann Georg Shiraz

Johann Georg Shiraz is a single vineyard wine from our 1875 planting of dry grown Shiraz. In colour, the 2007 Johann is dark red and on the complex nose there are aromas of dark fruit, tar, roast meats and subtle spice. The palate is full-bodied and very complex with layers of flavour and a chewy texture. Tannins are prominent but well balanced and add a muscular structure to this wine. A long finish completes this intense, sophisticated and very classy old vine Shiraz. The 2007 Johann should be cellared for a decade or more.

### 2007 JMK Shiraz VP

The 2007 JMK Shiraz spent 3 to 5 days on skins and was fortified with young and old brandy spirit (up to 15 years old). It is dark red-black in colour.

Inviting aromas of plum, spice, violets and chocolate are present on the nose. The intense and full-bodied palate is richly textured with juicy black fruit flavours together with licorice, spice and ripe integrated tannins. The 2007 JMK Shiraz VP is well balanced and silky with restrained sweetness and harmonious alcohol. It is completed with a long clean finish. JMK Shiraz VP is a luscious, opulent wine that can be enjoyed now but will benefit from a decade or two in the cellar.



## REVIEWS

Kalleske Greenock Shiraz 2006... It's difficult to top Barossa Shiraz and it's even harder to surpass a fully organic wine that has so much depth to it. This is a mean and brooding red that has a soft and stylish underbelly.

... Jetstar Magazine, April 2009.

Kalleske Greenock Shiraz 2007... 4 Stars... Great varietal expression and freshness. Dense, dark and meaty, with excellent oak to balance the peppery fruit, and has a lovely long, silky-smooth finish.

... Winestate Magazine, Regional Tasting, March/April 2009, Vol 32 Issue 2.

Kalleske Moppa Shiraz 2007... The initial impact was warmed cherry ripe - intense fruit and rich, dark chocolate - but this evolved with black pepper and spice and became less in your face. There is 5% viognier and 5% petit verdot in the mix. Neither is obvious but add to

the complexity, especially on the palate which is surprisingly - well perhaps not elegant - but interesting, complex and balanced with fine tannins. Certified organic and from a hot, dry year this is a greta result, and a delightful, rich red that should improve for a few years.

... **Christopher Hayes, Eat and Drink, [www.eatanddrink.com.au](http://www.eatanddrink.com.au), January 2009.**

Kalleske Old Vine Grenache 2006... 92 points... The deep crimson-colored 2006 Old Vine Grenache was sourced from a 71-year-old estate vineyard and aged for two years in seasoned French and American oak hogsheads. It offers up an alluring aromatic array of leather, violet, spice box, and black cherry. Full-bodied and intense on the palate, it delivers gobs of savory fruit, outstanding depth, and a long, pure finish. Drink this tasty effort from 2010 to 2018.

... **Dr Jay Miller, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, Issue 181, March 2009**

Kalleske Greenock Shiraz 2006... 92 points... The 2006 Greenock Shiraz comes from one of the estate's young vineyards but you would never know this on taste. It spent 18 months in hogsheads, 20% new American, 5% new French, and the balance seasoned French and American. It is a glass-coating purple color with an expressive bouquet of smoke, mineral, bacon, and blueberry. Layered, bordering on opulent, the wine has superior depth of flavor, plenty of savory spice note, and a lengthy finish. There is enough ripe tannin to support 3-4 years of additional cellaring. It should be at its best from 2011 to 2020.

... **Dr Jay Miller, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, Issue 181, March 2009**

Kalleske Johann Georg Shiraz 2006... 97 points... The flagship 2006 Johann Georg Shiraz comes from a 131-year-old vineyard and spent two years in French and American oak hogsheads, two-thirds new. Purple/ black in color with legs that slowly ooze down the glass, it reveals and expansive perfume of wood smoke, lavender, mineral, blueberry, and blackberry liqueur. Opulent on the palate, this velvety-textured, rich Shiraz has that extra dimension of complexity that only old vines can deliver. For optimum pleasure, cellar this special effort for 6-8 years and drink from 2015 to 2036.

... **Dr Jay Miller, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, Issue 181, March 2009**

Kalleske Clarry's Grenache Shiraz 2007... 90 points... "Other Recommended Red Wine Values \$20 and Under".

... **Dr Jay Miller, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, Issue 181, March 2009**

Kalleske Old Vine Grenache 2006... You'd expect nothing but the best from the 2008 Barossa Winemaker of the Year and Troy Kalleske's Old Vine Grenache delivers. Lifted, perfumed black fruit and a touch of spicy oak characterize the nose and lead to a nicely textured palate with lovely silky black fruit and a delicious spicy finish.

... **Selector Magazine, State of Play, Autumn 09.**

Kalleske Clarry's Grenache Shiraz 2007... Kalleske does it again with this clean, pepper, nutty wine. Full

bodied with firm tannins and a long finish.

... **Selector Magazine, State of Play, Autumn 09.**

Kalleske Florentine Chenin Blanc 2008... Zap! This organic delight adds to a new wave of five stunning chenins from Coriole, Jardim do Bomfim and Dowie Doole. Like the latter's Tintookie, this one is made with some old barrel and Aboriginal yeast, and it's just modestly alcoholic, so it looks good on paper. But oooh man, it looks even better in the glass and the gizzards! It has a nice acrid phosphate/ hessian edge, and a very racy Loire-like chenin structure, sinuous and crunchy all at once. The flavours are intense but elegant, and immediately set me dreaming of tapas and octopus. It's utterly delicious. Forget that catty savvy-B!

... **Philip White, The Independent Weekly, 23-29 January, 2009.**

Kalleske Greenock Shiraz 2006... 4.5 Stars... 95 points... Sourced from the Kalleske's Greenock property, this rich Shiraz oozes dark fruit, chocolate and sweet earthy aromas. There's genuine harmony here, it's balanced with long flavours fine tannins and many years ahead.

... **WBM100, January 2009 Issue**

Kalleske Moppa Shiraz 2007... Moppa for Poppa... Here's an old fashioned Barossa dry red which your poppa would love with a roast over Christmas. The Kalleske Moppa Barossa Valley Shiraz 2007 celebrates the establishment of Prussian emigrants the Kalleske family's farm and vineyard at Moppa, a tiny sub-district of Greenock, in the valley's north west. The Moppa public school on the vineyard property educated the Kalleskes and others in the area from 1873 until 1935, when it closed. A luscious big wine, the Moppa Shiraz is enhanced with a small amount of viognier and petit verdot, which "gives it a contemporary edge", says winemaker Troy Kalleske, A 100% certified organic wine.

... **Ross Noble, The Courier, January 21, 2009**

Kalleske JMK Shiraz VP 2006... 4.5 Stars... First class, a wine of distinction not far below the top rating... A super example of an almost extinct breed- Australian "VP"- we don't call it vintage port any more. This cute, dumpy little bottle is a taste of history based on super-ripe old-vine Barossa shiraz. It has liquorice, chocolate and blackberry characters, high-toned spirit and sweet oak with a rich, tangy, long palate.

... **Ralph Kyte-Powell, Uncorked The Age, Dec23, 08.**

Kalleske Greenock Shiraz 2007... 4 Stars... Barossa Valley & Eden Valley Tasting,

... **Winestate Magazine, March/ April Issue, 2009.**

Kalleske JMK Shiraz VP 2006... 5 Stars... Dedicated by sixth-generation winemaker Troy to his father John Malcolm Kalleske and packaged in a grenade-sized bottle. It has all the regional and varietal hallmarks of Greenock shiraz, super-ripe blackberries, sweet earth and dark spices; the oak is tucked neatly below. There's terrific textural richness and flavour concentration, a slice of toasty oak, well-chosen spirit and trademark Kalleske balanced opulence.

... **Nick Stock, The Penguin Good Australian Wine Guide 2009.**

Kalleske Johann Georg Shiraz 2006...4.5 Stars... Sourced from the estate's original plantings, these gnarled old battlers date back to 1875. They were planted by Johann Georg Kalleske, the first of the family to settle in the Barossa. The aromas are haunting for their depth and complexity; very similar characters to the Greenock shiraz but it moves in an extra dimension. Ripe dark plum and sweet mocha-scented earthy nuances, some dark spice and pepper too. Astounding palate density and concentration, yet not at all overbearing- it scoops deep and soulful through the finish. This is a wine to marvel at!

... **Nick Stock, The Penguin Good Australian Wine Guide 2009.**

Kalleske Greenock Shiraz 2006... 4.5 Stars... This is the Kalleske family's estate shiraz, grown on their Greenock property. It's a rich dense expression of dark plum fruits, chocolate and sweet earthy aromas. There's richness with harmony, seemingly endless ripe berry and plum fruits, fine tannins woven smoothly throughout. This is one easy wine to enjoy.

... **Nick Stock, The Penguin Good Australian Wine Guide 2009.**

Kalleske Old Vine Grenache 2006... 5 Stars... A single-vineyard plot planted in 1935 on the Kalleske estate out in Greenock, this has true old vine soul. Dark ripe berries and rich brambly fragrance, savoury oak and earthy notes; still very unevolved at this stage. Old vines bring concentration with elegance and balance and that's what the palate is all about; smooth, supple tannins and a deep scoop through the finish. Australian Grenache at the top level and phenomenal value for money on a world stage.

... **Nick Stock, The Penguin Good Australian Wine Guide 2009.**

Kalleske Clarry's Grenache Shiraz 2007... 4 Stars... The vineyard blend of Grenache and shiraz from the Kalleske farm, out in Greenock shows plenty of oak for its humble station, earthy/ brambly Grenache berry fruits, some grilled nuts and chocolate. The palate's creamy and ripe, decent structure and plum/ berry flavour; bold yet charming.

... **Nick Stock, The Penguin Good Australian Wine Guide 2009.**

Kalleske Clarry's Grenache Shiraz 2006... Red Wines over \$15.00...Troy and Tony Kalleske are part of the Artisans of the Barossa, a group of small producers dedicated to preserving the rich traditions of the region. While many of their wines are sourced from dry-grown old vines and are consequently priced beyond everyday drinking, this easy-drinking Barossa Grenache blend represents outstanding value. It has bright, primary red berry fruit and lush texture with a gentle, gravelly edge.

... **Peter Forrestal, Quaff 2009, The Best Wines in Australia under \$15, 2008.**

Kalleske Greenock Shiraz 2007... Gold Medal  
Kalleske Clarry's Grenache Shiraz 2007... Silver Medal  
Kalleske Moppa Shiraz 2007... Silver Medal  
Kalleske Florentine Chenin Blanc 2008...  
Recommendation

... **BioFach, International Organic Wine Award 2009.**

Kalleske Moppa Shiraz 2007... 5 Stars... Lovely long, complex wine with deep inky colour, mealy/ gamey nose and great concentration of sweet varietal fruit flavours supported by long, fine-grained tannins. Plenty of life ahead.

... **Winestate Magazine, Special Edition, Vol 31 Issue 7, Dec 08.**

Kalleske Florentine Chenin Blanc 2008... This is a brand new release from Kalleske, it's a white, they are probably best known for their reds. This is a straight chenin blanc, this is the Florentine, it's a brand new release as I say and look we're starting to see a few Chenin Blanc's come over the desk here at Wineweek. Back in the early '80's it was a hugely popular grape, but then chardonnay took over and everyone rushed down that path, so there was chardonnay left, right and centre, few people have held onto their chenin blanc grapes and something like Florentine from Kalleske is a very good option as we start to push into summer here down under. Nice and crisp a little bit of honey notes on the background, nice and zesty at the same time. Just like we enjoy our Rieslings we push week after week, something that cleans the palate out but doesn't leave you with a big sticky flavour in the gob, but still good, lots of flavour in it at the same time... under 20 bucks that's a bargain. and definitely something you need to have a go at. It took us 100 episodes to get to a chenin blanc, but we got there eventually. Good to see the Kalleske guys doing some good stuff with the white grapes too.

...**Danny Bishop & Brad Paton, Wineweek: edition 101, 8 December 2008.**

Kalleske Clarry's Grenache Shiraz 2007... Best Buy Wines \$20 and Under... In just a few short vintages, the Kalleske family have established themselves at the forefront of the Barossa Valley's new wave of wine producers. This overnight success has, of course, been 150 years in the making. Their precious old vines squeeze out low yields of intensely flavoured grapes – some of which, incredibly, find their way into this ludicrously well-priced wine. There's heaps of ripe red fruit squashed between the layers of earthy, wholegrain, classic Barossa flavour.

... **Max Allen, Gourmet Wine Traveller, Dec/Jan 08**

Kalleske Clarry's Grenache Shiraz 2007... Silver Medal  
Kalleske Greenock Shiraz 2006... Bronze Medal  
... **New Zealand International Wine Show, November 2008.**

Kalleske Moppa Shiraz 2007... Dark red black colour shows the youth, intensity and class of this wine from first glance. The nose just confirms that, a melange of dark fruits, berries, plums, spices with just a touch of vanilla all mingled in together, and along that are some intriguing touches of dried herbs, pepper and mulberries and sandalwood. Just delightful. The palate follows through wonderfully, incredibly tasty and well made, chock full of cranberry, raspberry hinted fruits, with an exotic touch. Its long, its intense but balanced, its structured, its ripe but its subtle, in short, its just a classic Barossa Shiraz, with the class of the fruit and wine making of Kalleske wines shining through! Outstanding stuff, and you need to try this great wine!

... **Gavin Trott, The Auswine panel, December 2008.**

Kalleske Moppa Shiraz 2007... 5 Stars... 95 points... This wine has been named after the small district of Moppa, just north of Greenock in the Barossa Valley where the original farm and vineyard were established in 1853. The Kalleske family have been growing grapes in the Barossa Valley for six generations, however it was the seventh generation family members that made the first wines. Brothers Troy and Tony produce outstanding wines from 120 acres of vineyard, whose average vine age is 50 years, with the oldest vines dating back to 1875. The Shiraz was harvested in numerous batches from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> of March and co-fermented with a small quantity of Viognier. Trace amounts of Petit Verdot were also included. The wine spent 7-12 days on skins after which time it was pressed and aged for 18 months in 25% new and the remainder older American, French and Hungarian hogsheads. Opaque black crimson colour with black crimson hue. Perfumed nose with violet top note, followed by blackberry and spice. The palate delivers flavours of liquorice, plum, spice and vanilla over a blackberry back palate. Excellent weight- quite voluptuous texture. Fine grained tannins. Aftertaste of liquorice, sice and plum. Cellar 3-4 years.

... **Nick's Wine Merchants, Vintage Direct, Dec-Jan 2008-09.**

Kalleske Greenock Shiraz 2006... Recommended... Very ripe, but retains freshness and show rich varietal aromas and flavours. Definitely mouth-filling.

... **Lester Jesberg, Winewise magazine, Volume 24 Number 4, October 2008.**

Kalleske Johann Georg Shiraz 2006... Highly Recommended... Big, rich and ripe, with some charry oak. A substantial wine that will have a lot of fans.

... **Lester Jesberg, Winewise magazine, Volume 24 Number 4, October 2008.**

Kalleske Johann Georg Old Vine Shiraz 2006... 95 points... These old vines date back to 1875. The wine has deeply complex aromas, ripe dark plum, sweet oak and earthy complexity. Staggering depth and concentration, yet not at all untidy- it scoops deep and soulful through the finish. Big can be beautiful.

... **WBM100 Magazine, December 2008.**

Kalleske Moppa Shiraz 2007... Ripe, stylish, layered... A new wine in the Kalleske range and it's off to a great start. A dash of Viognier and Petit Verdot has been added to this Shiraz giving it a modernistic and stylish touch- this also adds more layers and complexity to the Kalleske style. A lifted and juicy palate with solid tannins acting as the backbone. Troy Kalleske... is there anything he can't do?

... **The Red Book of Wine 2009, The East End Cellars, November 2008.**

Kalleske Johann Georg Shiraz 2006... 91 points... From gnarly, old vines, this ticks all the rich and ripe Barossa boxes. Big plum fruit, cedar and spice beginnings, fruitcake and allspice in the mouth, some tarry characters too. Soft and warm-hearted, full-bodied, some oak-derived coconut flavours adding sweetness and, overall a big, lifted, well assembled shiraz with plenty of years in it.

... **Top 100 Wines 2008, The Advertiser, Nov 2008.**

Kalleske Old Vine Grenache 2006... 94 points... A huge complex wine combining subtle cherry fruit, cola, licorice and spices on the nose, with elements of leather and tobacco showing up to play. A classic, full-on Grenache that offers a big mouthful of tannins, warm, rich spices and sour cherry flavours, that will come to an even more exciting crescendo after several years.

... **Top 100 Wines 2008, The Advertiser, Nov 2008.**

Kalleske Greenock Shiraz 2006... Silver Medal... Named one of Australia's Top Ten Shiraz.

... **The Visy 2008 Great Australian Shiraz Challenge, October 2008.**

Kalleske Clarry's Grenache Shiraz 2007... 91 points... What an over-achiever this is! Plenty of chocolate and rich red cherry fruit, currant-like concentration too. Fine tannins mark out a supple medium weight palate, the oak's folded in nicely and it finishes with some zip. Great drinking red that trades on regional charm.

... **WBM100 Magazine, November 2008.**

Kalleske Johann Georg Shiraz 2006... 5 Stars... Kalleske's red wines are big, alcoholic things but unlike some heroic Barossa reds they have a freshness and complexity. From 133-year-old vines, Johann Georg has concentrated black fruits, fig syrup and plum-pud aromas. The velvety palate is a live with rich berry flavours. Food ideas: Mature cheddar; fettucine with oxtail ragu.

... **Ralph Kyte-Powell, Epicure The Age, November 4 2008.**

Kalleske Clarry's Grenache Shiraz 2007... Best in Class 2008... Good depth of deep crimson colour, pink edge. Nose is youthful and lifted, gobfulls of sweet raspberry and boysenberry fruit, chocolate cake and meat jus. Excellent density in the mouth through to the finish, fleshy without too much fat, lovely integration of tannin and acidity, very satisfying and complete on the finish.

... **International Wine & Spirit Competition 2008, London, UK.**

Kalleske JMK Shiraz VP 2006... This is top notch stuff. Although a sweet fortified wine, it is quite dry in a way - it speaks more of earth and tannic tones than many fortifieds. Due to this, it is more complex than many of this style. Powerful and full, it fills the mouth and hangs in there for what seems like an eternity. I love this. 375 ml bottle.

... **Ian Robertson, Wine Without Wank, 6 October 2008**

Kalleske Greenock Shiraz 2006... Whoa, batten down the hatches, we got a brute here! Gloriously big bodied and full of alcohol heat, this is a monster. But - it is not entirely of the glossy fruited variety of Barossa monster. Breaking the type with lots of earth, pepper and a very dry cocoa and coffee tone, this beast actually has a lot of interesting features to it. I would love to see it in 10 years - it will really turn nice and meaty, but my one worry is that the alcohol will still poke out a little too much. Nonetheless, I cannot say I did not enjoy this.

... **Ian Robertson, Wine Without Wank, 6 October 2008**

Kalleske Old Vine Grenache 2006... I look forward to Kalleske Grenache. It is a tough variety to love - easy to overcook the lolly flavours and go all glossy and hot on the finish. Kalleske tend not to do that - although they do produce high alcohols in their Grenache, and this one is no exception. But - the heat tends to remain in check along with some massive flavour. Power is the word, but is not bombastic spreading through the mouth like a tidal wave. There is a real linear mouth feel, a zippy acidity and flavour profile that has dark fruit and even some raisins and prunes, but it is all servicing a fresh earth and spiciness. Length is as always - massive. Well worth trying this wine to see where Grenache can be taken too.

... **Ian Robertson, Wine Without Wank, 6 October 2008**

Kalleske Johann Georg Shiraz 2006... Once again, a complete beast of a wine, but the alcohol heat is very much in check and in balance with all the other flavours. It - everything is pretty powerful! Built a little like the Greenock Shiraz in flavour profile except with a little more glossy fruit and a little more choc tones. A lot has gone into this wine - there is a lot going on. Big earthy tones, big spice tones, and quite drying. Length is one of the longer tasting wines I have tasted this year. I left this one in the bottle opened after having half for a few days to check on its propensity to age - and I can tell this wine will last an eternity!!!

... **Ian Robertson, Wine Without Wank, 6 October 2008**

Kalleske Clarry's Grenache Shiraz 2007... Corker of the Week... This is a sensational wine for the money. Although built as an 'easy drinker' with ripe, round glossy fruit, there is more to this. Good choc and vanilla oak tones with an edge of earth and spice, and a long, sweet finish. Complexity matched with simplicity, if there is such a thing. Good long finish and smooth buffed up tannins make this an absolute godsend at this price point.

... **Ian Robertson, Wine Without Wank, 6 October 2008**

Kalleske JMK Shiraz VP 2006... Dedicated to John Malcolm Kalleske and packaged in a pint-sized bottle, this has super raw dark colour, unfiltered and packed with ripeness. Dense blackberry fruits and earthy toasted spices, the oak is tucked neatly below deck. Superior texture and concentration, dressed with toasty oak, well matched spirit and a modern take on the fortified theme.

... **The 2008 Adelaide Review Hot 100 South Australian Wines, October 2008.**

Kalleske Clarry's Grenache Shiraz 2007... A staggeringly delicious blend from the Barossa made to charm in its youth and looking the goods already. Red cherry and redcurrant fruits, ripe and juicy, a little chocolate and fine medium weighted tannins. Big flavour, not heavy and staggering value.

... **The 2008 Adelaide Review Hot 100 South Australian Wines, October 2008.**

Kalleske Greenock Shiraz 2006... The Kalleske family has been growing grapes in South Australia's Barossa Valley for more than 100 years. The fifth generation,

John and Lorraine, stopped using chemical fertilizers and pesticides many years ago and some blocks (including Greenock) are certified organic and managed biodynamically. The 2006 Greenock Shiraz is dark magenta, with abundant red and black fruits. Hints of spice to the core of intense, bright flavours lead to a long, full and harmonious finish. An excellent wine. And we will never know how much is due to biodynamic inputs.

... **James Halliday, The Weekend Australian, 4-5 October, 2008.**

Kalleske Clarry's Grenache Shiraz 2007... 4.5 Stars... Barossa tradition in a bottle, made from 65% Grenache, with the balance shiraz. The nose is reminiscent of raspberry caramel, glace cherries, spice and old leather. It has an attractive velvety texture, with deep flavours and some grainy interest. It finishes lip-smacking, soft and ripe. Easy to like.

... **Ralph Kyte-Powell, The Age Epicure, September 30, 2008.**

Kalleske Old Vine Grenache 2006... This is an unequivocally bold, full-bodied Barossa red wine. It has a glorious perfume of glossy ripe purple plums and crushed dried herbs, and fills the mouth with rich squashed blackberries and leathery tannins. Fabulous.

... **Max Allen, The Weekend Australian Magazine, October 4-5, 2008**

Kalleske Greenock Shiraz 2006... Bronze Medal  
Kalleske Clarry's Grenache Shiraz 2007... Silver Medal  
... **New Zealand International Wine Show 2008, 20 September 2008.**

Kalleske Greenock Shiraz 2006... Gold Medal  
Kalleske Clarry's Grenache Shiraz 2007... Silver Medal  
... **International DLG Organic Products Competition, September 2008.**

Kalleske Johann Georg Shiraz 2006... From Prussia with Love... Johann Georg Kalleske, born in Bratz, Prussia, in 1794, migrated to SA with his wife and family in 1838, settling to farm and grow grapes at Greenock in the Barossa Valley. His descendants, brothers Troy and Tony Kalleske, produce "100% organic certified wine" on the original estate. These are still producing vines (one tonne per acre) planted in 1875 and are the source of the Kalleske Johann Georg Shiraz 2006. Dense red, with a nose redolent of blackberry, cedar and pipe tobacco, the wine has an intensely flavored palate with great length.

... **Ross Noble, The Courier, Wednesday, September 3, 2008.**



*Early morning pump-over*