



Kalleske News

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GREETINGS

Welcome to the Spring 2004 edition of Kalleske News. This is the second edition of our newsletter. If you missed our inaugural edition in autumn, please download it from our website, www.kalleske.com. Since autumn, a lot has been happening in the vineyard, winery, trade and media. A major highlight and honour was being named by James Halliday as a five star winery and one of the ten best new wineries in Australia.

...Troy Kalleske, Winemaker.



MISTY WINTER MORNING IN THE KALLESKE VINEYARD

HAPPENINGS ... in the vineyard

Soon after the 2004 harvest was complete, a cover crop of oats and beans was sown in the vineyard. This crop thrived with good winter rains and in the first week of September, it was mulched into the soil. It will now provide a wealth of nutrients and organic matter for the vines as they emerge from dormancy and begin their new growing season.

There have been excellent winter and early spring rains this year, providing good underground moisture in the clay sub-soil, which the vine roots will tap into over summer.

Pruning was completed in the last week of August with the vines now showing healthy spring growth with small shoots and leaves. Chenin Blanc was the first variety to break bud on September 5th, and it was soon followed by Semillon and Shiraz, with Grenache the last variety to emerge from dormancy. This new burst of shoots will soon give rise to inflorescences which will flower, set and become bunches of grapes for the 2005 vintage, now less than 6 months away!



PRUNING JOHANN GEORG OLD VINE SHIRAZ

HAPPENINGS ... in the winery

In August we hosted a group of about 25 wine buyers and Sommeliers from the USA. They were part of The Grateful Palate 2004 Aussie tour and spent a few weeks in Australia touring many wineries across the whole country. They stopped in by Kalleske mid way through their journey. After a tour of the Kalleske vineyards and winery they were given a comprehensive tasting. All wines, from the 2004 Clarry's Barossa White to a barrel sample of the 2003 Johann Georg, were well received by our US friends.

The 2004 reds have all completed malolactic fermentation and are steadily maturing in barrel. So far all wines are shaping up well, with 2004 looking to be a great vintage. Clarry's Barossa Red will be the first release from the 2004 red vintage with this Grenache Shiraz blend planned for release early next year.

Our 2003 Greenock Shiraz was bottled in early Spring and is looking very smart. The 2003 Old Vine Grenache and Johann Georg Shiraz are maturing in barrel and still a few months away from bottling.



THE GRATEFUL PALATE 2004 USA TOUR GROUP

WINEMAKER

Since we've released our wines, there have been quite a few people wanting to know a bit more about me and my history, so here it is...

I'm sixth generation family member on the Kalleske farm at Greenock. I grew up amongst the vines and from a young age I was out in the vineyard picking grapes after school as well as doing general vineyard work such as pruning, planting and vine training during my holidays. My interest in winemaking started in high school where in 1993 I was part of the Agricultural class to first make wine at the school. In 1999 I graduated with a Bachelor of Agricultural Science (Oenology) Degree from the University of Adelaide.

Following university, I was a graduate winemaker with Southcorp where I gained valuable experience with stints at Seppelt Great Western, Southcorp Tumberumba, Lindemans Karadoc, Penfolds Barossa and Seppeltsfield fortified winery. On completion of the graduate winemaker program, I continued winemaking for Southcorp at Penfolds, Barossa Valley. I've also completed a vintage with Veritas Winery and Miranda Barossa, and in keeping with the increasingly global wine business I left Australia and gained valuable international knowledge of the industry as Harvest Enologist for Kendall-Jackson at Vinwood Cellars in Geyserville, Sonoma County.

My family has been farming at Greenock since 1853, and from early on, grapes formed a major component of the farm. Traditionally these grapes were all sold to local wineries but in 2002 it was time to take the next step and make some "Kalleske" wine, so the Kalleske winery was established. I wanted to ensure Kalleske was the real thing – "Kalleske through and through"... the grapes are 100 percent estate grown in our family vineyards, the wine is made on site in our own winery and I'm the winemaker. So whenever a bottle bears the name Kalleske, it is pure, authentic Kalleske! I'm responsible for all winemaking, management and day-to-day operations of Kalleske Wines, while my father, John, continues to manage the vineyard which he has looked after for over forty years.



WINEMAKER TROY KALLESKE

WEBSITE

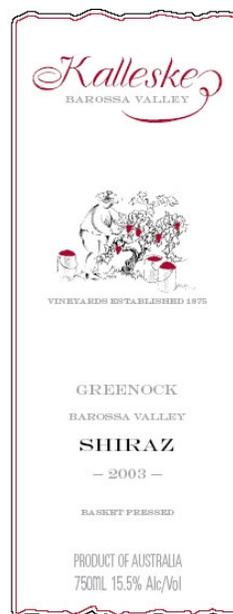
In June we launched our website which gives information about us and our wines. It is constantly updated with the latest news and reviews and past issues of our newsletter can also be downloaded from our website. Please take a look at www.kalleske.com.

EXPORT

Limited quantities of Kalleske wine are now going to all parts of the globe. We've had interest from Europe, Asia and North America, including some of New York's finest restaurants. Our award winning wines are now available in Malaysia, The Netherlands and the U.S.A.

NEW RELEASES

2003 Greenock Shiraz



The wine... Extremely dark red-black in colour with a rich purple rim. The nose shows masses of rich blood plum together with mocha and sweet berry fruits. The palate is generous, deeply layered and very concentrated. It is seamless with dark fruit, chocolate and rich fruit cake flavours. A well balanced wine with big ripe tannins and an astoundingly long finish. A wine that will cellar for a long, long time.

The winemaking... The grapes were picked in 3 separate batches over a period of 7 days, from March 14th to March 21st. All grapes come from the same individual vineyard, the "Greenock" block. After picking, the grapes were destemmed into open top fermenters where they were fermented warmly over 7 to 10 days prior to pressing. The ferments were basket pressed at 1.0 to 3.0 baume and were then filled to a mix of new and used American and French oak hogsheads. The wine was matured in barrel for 18 months prior to bottling.

REVIEWS & AWARDS

Our Autumn newsletter highlighted the rave reviews Kalleske received since inception. Below are an extract of the latest accolades:

“Kalleske 2002 Greenock Shiraz... Outstanding... Gold Medal.”

..... **WineWise Small Vigneron Awards, 2004**

“Kalleske 2002 Old Vine Grenache... Dark ruby garnet color. Loaded with clove, licorice and vanilla to accent its big raspberry and dark cherry nose, the combination of fruit, spices and toast is intoxicating. In fact, there's almost a brandied fruitcake quality to the nose. Off-sweet mouthfeel, lots of smooth - almost jammy fruit, and a very long finish, and fascinating aftertaste. This was being touted as the next big thing. Just might be. Aroma score: A- Taste score: A- Overall score: A-“

..... **Grape-Nutz Wine Review, September 2004**

“Kalleske 2002 Greenock Shiraz... Magnificent interpretation of Australian Shiraz. The fruit is intense and spicy – definitely ripe, but in no way overly so. The tannins are perfectly handled, and the oak, while prominent, is not over the top. True to both variety and region.”

..... **WineWise Magazine, August 2004**

“Kalleske 2002 Old Vine Grenache... Very ripe and flavoursome...”

..... **WineWise Magazine, August 2004**

“Kalleske ... 5 stars ... Outstanding winery regularly producing exemplary wines.”

..... **James Halliday, 2005 James Halliday Wine Companion, August 2004**

“Ten best new wineries in Australia... Kalleske”

..... **James Halliday, 2005 James Halliday Wine Companion, August 2004**

“Best of the best Australian Shiraz 2005 ... 2002 Kalleske Greenock Shiraz ... 96 points ... 5 stars .”

..... **James Halliday, 2005 James Halliday Wine Companion, August 2004**

“Best wineries of the region ... Barossa Valley ... Kalleske.”

..... **James Halliday, 2005 James Halliday Wine Companion, August 2004**

“... the Greenock Shiraz and Old Vine Grenache are superb examples of the richest Barossa style... the quality and density is awesome ... very definitely a winery to watch.”

..... **James Halliday, 2005 James Halliday Wine Companion, August 2004**

“Kalleske 2002 Old Vine Grenache ...supple, sumptuous and round Grenache, a little mouthful of spicy cherry and plum flavours that remain succulent right through the long, fine-grained finish. Drink now through 2012 ...92 points.”

..... **Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator, July 2004**



FRESH SPRING GROWTH - SHIRAZ

FUTURE RELEASES

2004 Clarry's Barossa Red

... This newcomer to the range is currently maturing in seasoned hogsheads. Clarry's Red is a flavoursome and succulent blend of Grenache and Shiraz, very fruit driven and mouthwatering. Planned for release in early 2005.

2003 Old Vine Grenache

... Still maturing in old oak hogsheads, it just keeps getting better all the time. Rich and ripe, a great follow on from the gutsy 2002. Available early next year.

2003 Johann Georg Shiraz

... Made from 128 year old vines, an amazing wine, but only a tiny amount made. So complex and so many layers of flavour with great structure. Johann Georg is something special and will be released in 2005.



WINERY LEADING HAND "TYSON"

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