



Kalleske News

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GREETINGS

Welcome to the Spring edition of our newsletter which is coinciding with some glorious sunny days. The vines are bursting back to life with small green shoots having just emerged over the past week. This time around we have a couple of new wines to introduce – a white and a red. The white is a barrel fermented Chenin Blanc called Florentine, the red is a Shiraz named Moppa, which has a dash of something extra to tantalize the senses - more about this later.

All the best...Troy & Tony

HAPPENINGS

Check out our new re-developed website www.kalleske.com. I'm sure you'll agree it's a step up from our old one. For ease of ordering, you'll now be able to purchase online, or if you'd prefer we are still happy to receive orders by fax, email or telephone.



Our Old Vine Grenache was chosen for former Prime Minister John Howard's Testimonial Dinner and featured on his main table of ten.



Speaking of Old Vine Grenache it appears Mr Howard was on to a good thing as our 2006 vintage was named number 1 by WBM 100 magazine scoring 96 points and featuring prominently on the front cover.

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... WBM 100, July 2008.



In April, Tony and Carol attended the Boutique Wine Awards Dinner in Sydney. We were estatic to be awarded 2 trophies. The JMK Shiraz VP won not only the Best Fortified Bottle, but the Best Overall Package at this year's awards!

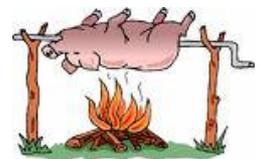


Tony Kalleske receiving the awards from Lisa McGuigan

James Halliday's 2009 Wine Companion has recently been released and we are pleased to once again be reviewed as a 5 Star winery.

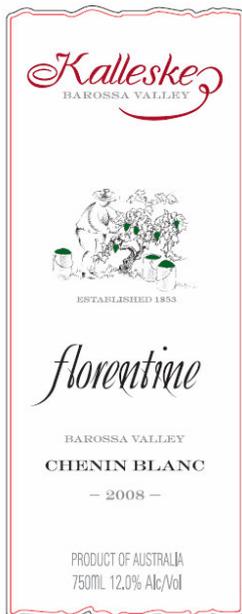
Wilbur was first featured in our Autumn Newsletter and since then we've had a number of people asking about Christmas! ... But we can assure everyone that Wilbur is expected to have a long and happy life... and will definitely die of natural causes.

This is NOT Wilbur!!! →



Wilbur is definitely at home in the Winery... as happy as a ...

2008 Florentine Chenin Blanc



This is the inaugural release of our single vineyard Chenin Blanc. It gains its name from Caroline 'Florentine' Kalleske, the first daughter of Johann Georg Kalleske, who migrated to Australia from Prussia in 1838. The Florentine vineyard was planted in 1988 and the vines are low yielding with shallow sandy soil with clay subsoil.

2008 was an extremely hot and dry vintage. The Barossa experienced its longest heat-wave of all time with 15 consecutive days over 35 degrees in early March. Fortunately, however, prior to the heat-wave there were superb ripening conditions and this Chenin Blanc was harvested in February

retaining solid flavours and fruit vibrancy.

The grapes were harvested in the cool of the night on 22nd February. They were then whole bunch pressed and the juice was briefly settled prior to racking to fermentation. The juice was entirely wild fermented with native yeast and half the ferment was undertaken in Russian oak hogsheads and the other half was in tank. Partial lees stirring was employed post fermentation for added texture and complexity. The wine was blended and bottled after 6 months barrel maturation.

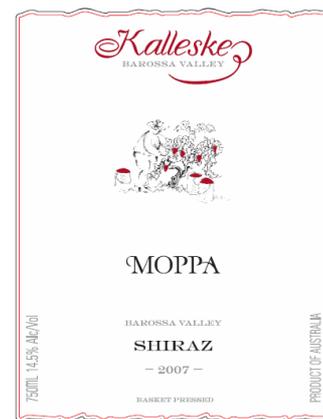
The wine is white-straw in colour. The intriguing nose is inviting with aromas of citrus tart, spice, slate and green apple. The palate is generous, but tight. The fruit is supported by classy subtle oak. Well layered, with a rich texture the wine finishes crisp and lingers for a long time. This is a sophisticated and intriguing wine that can be enjoyed now but will cellar gracefully.

2007 Moppa Shiraz

In 1853 our Kalleske farm and vineyard was established at Moppa, a small sub-district of Greenock in the Barossa's North-West. The Moppa district was a flourishing settlement of pioneer farming families and gold miners. There were few schools in the region, so local parents established the Moppa Public School in 1873 to give their children a formal education. Located on our Kalleske property, generations of the Kalleske family attended this school until its closure in 1935. Sourced entirely from our Kalleske Moppa vineyard, a trace of Viognier and Petit Verdot has been added to this Shiraz giving it a contemporary edge.

2007 was a drought affected vintage with a warm growing season and one of the driest winters on record. Intermittent summer rainfall refreshed the vines and enabled them to remain remarkably vibrant and take them through to ripening and harvest. The drought conditions resulted in reduced yields by about thirty percent but importantly quality from 2007 is very good.

The Shiraz was harvested in numerous batches from 5th March to 15th March. The Viognier was harvested on 5th March and co-fermented with a portion of Shiraz. The Petit Verdot is a late ripener and was harvested on 27th March. All batches were fermented warm in open top fermenters with hand pumpovers twice a day during fermentation. After 7 to 12 days on skins the fermented grapes were traditionally pressed. The wine was aged in hogshead barrels for 18 months, with 25% new American, French and Hungarian oak used and the balance matured in seasoned barrels. On completion of maturation, a small portion of Petit Verdot and Shiraz/Viognier was blended for added complexity. The wine is bottled unfinned and unfiltered.



The wine is dark red-purple in colour. Powerful aromas of perfume, chocolate, dried herb and a touch of pepper spice emanate from the glass. These flavours continue to the very stylish and juicy palate. Supple but solid tannins add good structure and pleasing chewiness to the wine. Layers of complexity and a very lengthy finish complete this discerning wine that can be enjoyed now but will also cellar well.

ARTISANS OF BAROSSA

In 2006, Kalleske was a founding member of "Artisans of Barossa". This is a group of 12 small wineries from different sub regions of the Barossa, who produce handmade wines of the highest quality, sourced from small, rare vineyards. The majority don't have cellar doors. It is for this reason that for one day only, in September we all get together at the Angaston Town Hall to showcase our wines. On the 13th September a good day was again had by everyone with many outstanding wines available to taste and purchase.



2008 Artisans of Barossa Cellar Door Day held 13th Sept.

If you would like more information please check out the Artisans website www.artisansofbarossa.com. For those who would like to be on the Artisans mailing list, but are yet to join please email info@artisansofbarossa.com.

Kalleske Greenock Shiraz 2006... Gold Medal... Earthy, ripe fruit with some hints of mint. Blackberry, with ripe tannins and great length.

... **Marananga Wine Show 2008**

Kalleske Barossa Valley Johann Georg Old Vine Shiraz 2006... 92 points... V8 wine. Saturated with satiny, warm, dark-fruit flavour and firm with tannin. It tastes of asphalt, coffee grounds, raisins, brandy and dark cherries, its punch of flavour dramatic in its force. I tasted this repeatedly over a 24 hour period and enjoyed it throughout, but for me its high level of alcohol continued to be distracting. I preferred the 'standard' shiraz, despite this wine's obvious quality. That said, if a high alcohol, turbo-charged wine can be elegant, this wine attempts to be so. Drink: 2011-2017.

... **Campbell Mattinson, The Winefront, 22nd August 2008.**

Kalleske Barossa Valley Greenock Shiraz 2006...94 points... If it was a difficult vintage you would never know it. Great smell, great taste. Sweet, ripe, aniseedy, jammy, concentrated and plush. Lots of soft, fruity tannin. Form and flavour. It will be too far towards the jammy, porty end of the shiraz flavour spectrum for those seeking more elegant styles, but for modern, ripe Barossa shiraz lovers this is in a mighty fine groove. Exceptional balance. 15.5 acl/vol. Drink: 2009-2016.

... **Campbell Mattinson, The Winefront, 22nd August 2008.**

Kalleske Barossa Valley Old Vine Grenache 2006... 94 points... I've always liked the Kalleske grenache but at times it's seemed excessively minty. This release has a touch of mint but it's minor enough to make it a positive component of the wine - leaving me free to enjoy the wine's silken flavours. This really does have a soft heart. It tastes of raspberries, dried licorice, blackberries and minimal oak, and its tannins have been beautifully and softly managed. It is 15.5% alcohol but it doesn't overtly show it. 2006 is arguably a lighter vintage but for this wine it's worked as a positive. Drink: 2009-2015.

... **Campbell Mattinson, The Winefront, 22nd August 2008.**



Flourishing Spring cover-crop of cereal and legume.

Kalleske Barossa Valley Basket Pressed Clarry's Grenache Shiraz 2007... 91 points... Excellent value, excellent drinking. Jubey sweetness, grainy tannins, background toasty/coffee oak and a pure, fruity smoothness through the finish. It's not particularly dense but it's not dilute either - it's just about right. If ever there was a wine that proved what a good winemaker Troy Kalleske is - this is it. Drink: 2008-2012.

... **Campbell Mattinson, The Winefront, 22nd August 2008.**

Kalleske Barossa Valley JMK Shiraz VP 2006... 94 points... This is a little beauty. It's exquisitely pure, sweet, dense and raisiny, with enormous brightness to the flavours and then long, chocolaty and fine through the finish. The spirit has been handled to perfection. It smells, tastes and finishes great - it's an outstanding example of the sweet-fruited Australian vintage

port style. It can also be consumed anytime from now onwards. Drink: 2008-2018.

... **Campbell Mattinson, The Winefront, 22nd August 2008.**

Kalleske Johann Georg Shiraz 2006... Of the six generations of the Kalleske family growing grapes near Greenock, Troy and Tony were the first to make and bottle their wine under the family name. The Johann Georg is their top wine, made from the oldest vineyard on the estate. Caillard found the density, complexity and texture of this wine compelling, describing it as "lovely, bright, pure fruit with aniseed, cassis and savoury oak, and ripe, plentiful tannins, finishing long and sweet with a touch of herb". Bulleid also noted the dense fruit, and although he found it a touch jammy, he felt "the fruit quality and balance was certainly taking the wine somewhere". Bourne saw "bright cherry, red frogs and spicy oak; a little chewy" but thought it good nonetheless.

... **Peter Bourne, Nick Bulleid MW, Andrew Caillard MW, Peter Forrestal, Huon Hooke, Sophie Otton, Gourmet Traveller Wine, Aug/ Sept 08.**

Kalleske Greenock Shiraz 2006... The perfect opportunity to sample the modern refinement of organic wine. Minimal winemaking by this Barossa producer has allowed the fruit to shine. The sweet, silky, rich palate shows blood plum and cherry contrasting with white pepper and spice.

... **Selector Magazine, Spring 2008.**

Kalleske Johann Georg Shiraz 2005... 95 points... Despite the alcohol, only medium-bodied; has that 100+-year-old stamp; deceptively moderate weight, yet a great array of licorice, blackberry and black cherry fruit; harmonious oak. Vines planted 1875.

... **James Halliday Wine Companion 2009 edition, 2008.**

Kalleske Greenock Barossa Valley Shiraz 2006... 94 points... Deep magenta; deep fruited with great concentration and red and black fruits in abundance; hints of spice and a core of bright fruits lead to a long, full and harmonious finish.

... **James Halliday Wine Companion 2009 edition, 2008.**

Kalleske JMK Shiraz VP 2005... 92 points... A stylish fortified wine, with quality spirit; spicy black fruits, licorice and plum, the relatively low baume a distinct plus. Will mature quickly in its small, uniquely shaped bottle.

... **James Halliday Wine Companion 2009 edition, 2008.**

Kalleske Old Vine Grenache Shiraz 2005... 91 points... A supple, light-to-medium-bodied mix of the sweet and more savoury sides of Grenache; next to no tannins, but good mouthfeel and length.

... **James Halliday Wine Companion 2009 edition, 2008.**

Kalleske Clarry's Grenache Shiraz 2006... 91 points... Good colour; great wine at the price; super abundant blackberry, licorice and cherry fruit supported by soft tannins and incidental oak. Estate-grown Grenache (65%)/ Shiraz (35%).

... **James Halliday Wine Companion 2009 edition, 2008.**

Kalleske Clarry's Semillon Chenin Blanc 2007... 88 points... Clean, bright and fresh; definitely the modern style of Barossa Valley winemaking for varieties other than riesling; does diminish slightly on the finish.

... **James Halliday Wine Companion 2009 edition, 2008.**

Kalleske JMK Shiraz VP 2006... Trophy~ Best Boutique Bottle, Best Fortified Bottle.

... **Boutique Packaging Awards, July 2008.**

Kalleske Greenock Shiraz 2004... Dense brooding palate of rich blackcurrants and black pepper. A wine that takes no prisoners - full-on, oaky flavours, with fine-grained tannins and fruity peppery length.

... **John Wilson & Pat Carroll, Best of Wine in Ireland 2008.**

Kalleske Greenock Shiraz 2006 ...A classy shiraz from a low-yielding biodynamic vineyard that John Kalleske has tended for 50 years. Deep, rich, ripe and full-flavoured, with silky texture. Restrained, yet powerful.

... Peter Forrestal, *The Sunday Times Magazine*, 20 July 2008.

Kalleske 2007 Clarrys Grenache Shiraz... The bouquet initially showed sweet red fruits with milk chocolate and contrasting spicy oak, as well as cherry. As it opened, mocha characters dominated. It's driven by pure, deep, very-ripe fruit that is delightfully soft on the uptake with mocha, milk chocolate, dark chocolate, red fruits, (cherry/currant) and a hint of herbs. The finish is crisp, clean and lingers very nicely. A medium-weight, almost silky wine that has a harmonious construction, it's still not quite together yet, but it won't be long before it is in its peak drinking window. A well constructed, perfect bistro wine, it's very easy drinking and will remain so for the next six plus years. Rated as Recommended with **** for value.

... Ric Einstein, *Torbwine*, May 2008.

Kalleske 2006 Greenock Shiraz... The bouquet is attractive and has a liberal level of complexity with floral notes, mocha, and blackberry, and iodine characters. This is a warm and cuddly wine, perfect for a cold winter's night. It's beautifully proportioned with deep, strong fruit, crisp acid and powdery tannins that come together to form a muscular-weight, tight, firm and solid wine. The flavour profile is attractive, indeed beautiful with blackberry, malty characters, liquorice, dark chocolate, cocoa, and mocha flavours which all finish long and persistent. It's a big wine with loads of everything and has lots of room for improvement. Rated as Highly Recommended with **** for value, the rating should improve as the wine enters its peak drinking window between 2012 and 2020. A tip for you; have it with a roast a rack of lamb, it's a great match.

... Ric Einstein, *Torbwine*, May 2008.

Kalleske 2006 Old Vine Grenache... The bouquet was brooding, earthy, and showed chocolate, mint and mushroom. As it opened some red spectrum characters emerged. The wine is impeccably balanced and sits beautifully on the palate. Blackcurrant, red currant, raspberry, star anise, and mocha flavours finish very fresh and clean thanks to the lively acid, and with good length too. It's ample-weight, locked tight, firm, solid and refined. A very serious Grenache, this is one I am happy to drink. Rated as Highly Recommended with *** for value, the rating may improve as the wine enters its peak drinking window between 2012 and 2020. (I won't admit it in public, but I prefer the Grenache to the Shiraz.)

... Ric Einstein, *Torbwine*, May 2008.

Kalleske 2006 Johann Georg Shiraz...The bouquet is a serious as it is mysterious, with subtle cedar, black fruits, coffee and mint/eucalypt. The fruit is sensational; it's strong, deep, and pure and is perfectly backed by fine, chalky tannins and fresh acid. Rich chocolate and blackberry flavours on the uptake combine with black coffee, tar, mint, eucalyptus, and mocha flavours to finish with incredible length. A full-body, firm, solid, very tight wine, it is approachable now but will improve. Rated as Excellent with *** for value, this will quite easily keep kicking goals until 2030, and when it enters its peak drinking window, the rating will improve. Another kick ass wine from Troy!

... Ric Einstein, *Torbwine*, May 2008.

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... **Sélections mondiales des Vins CANADA**

Kalleske Clarry's Grenache Shiraz 2006...8/10... Perfectly quaffable stuff, thanks Clarry, and organic to boot.
... Max Crus, *The Daily Examiner*, May 10-11, 2008



Vineyard soil rich in organic matter after 'working-in' the cover crop

Kalleske Clarry's Grenache Shiraz 2007... ***1/2 Stars... Confectionery fruit aromas with savoury overtones. Rich cherry/ raspberry flavours balanced by acid, oak and elegant tannins.

... **Winestate Magazine, New Release Tasting, July/ August 2008.**

Kalleske Old Vine Grenache 2006...WBM 1 in 100... 96 Points... From 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 this wine is all about- smooth, supple tannins roll with a deep, scoop through the finish. Australian Grenache at the top level and phenomenal value for money on a world stage.

... **WBM100, July 2008.**

Kalleske JMK Shiraz VP 2006... Plenty of brown lime and dusty overtones with a hint of smoky bacon on the nose, this is unmistakable Barossa. Dark chocolate and black fruit on the palate, the flavours are all where they should be but they are supported by still unmistakable oak. JMK (of course John Malcolm Kalleske) might need to put this one away for a while.

... **Fortifieds Tasting, Barossa Living Magazine, Winter 2008.**

Kalleske Clarry's Grenache Shiraz 2006... The overall quality level was high but what struck me most was the depth of flavour in so many wines; not necessarily concentration but an integrity and 'naturalness' of expression... 17 Points...Dark and rich and savoury, such concentrated fruit it is almost bitter. But there's still a freshness and rounded velvety tannins. Sweetly spiced.

... **Julia Harding, London International Trade Fair, Organic & Biodynamic Wines, May 28, 2008.**

Kalleske Clarry's Grenache Shiraz 2006... Top 100 Reds at \$20 or Less... 90 Points... Kalleske's full blown Greenock Shiraz (Greenock is a sub-region in the Barossa Valley) is magnificent and worth hunting down. This Clarry's is a blend of Grenache and shiraz, though it's the one I'm punting on. It's outstanding value. Everything you could ask of a well-priced, well-played, well-I've-already-finished-a-glass-of-it red wine. It tastes of raspberry, blackberry and coal, is flecked with spice, has a decent set of tannins on it and pushes nicely through the finish. Dark, juicy, fun. Drink 2008-2012.

... **Campbell Mattinson, The Big Red Wine Book, 2008.**

Kalleske Clarry's Grenache Shiraz 2007... very impressive, really good wine, well done!

... **Gavin Trott, Auswine Panel, 2 May 2008.**