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BAROSSA VALLEY



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KALLESKE 2008 JOHANN GEORG SHIRAZ

Johann Georg Shiraz is produced in South Australia's Barossa Valley, by the Kalleske family who have been farming and growing grapes since the 1800s. It is a genuine estate wine - grown, vintaged and matured on the Kalleske estate at Greenock. Johann Georg Shiraz is a single vineyard wine produced from the oldest vineyard on the Kalleske farm. The wine is a tribute to Johann Georg Kalleske, the first Kalleske ancestor to migrate to Australia. Johann Georg was born in Brätz, Prussia in 1794 and migrated to South Australia with his wife and children in 1838.

GROWING SEASON

2008 was an extremely hot and dry vintage. There were superb ripening conditions until March when the Barossa experienced its biggest heat-wave of all time with 15 days in a row over 35 degrees. Fortunately, the Johann grapes were harvested early so were not affected. Overall 2008 is a very good vintage, with average yields and great quality.

VINEYARD

This vineyard was planted in 1875 and produces very low yields of around one tonne per acre from old, gnarly, dry grown vines. The top soil is sandy with excellent clay subsoil.

WINEMAKING

The old Shiraz vines were harvested on the 5th March and the grapes gently destemmed into a small open top fermenter. The grapes were fermented for eight days on skins where hand pumpovers were employed two to three times daily. The must was basket pressed and immediately filled to new and seasoned French & American oak hogsheads where it completed fermentation. The wine was matured in hogsheads for two years prior to bottling. Johann Georg Shiraz is bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES

The 2008 Johann is opaque black in colour. On the nose there are fabulous and enticing aromatics of licorice, savoury spice, bright florals, black olive, and roast herbs. The palate is full bodied and sublime with classy purity of fruit. Dark fruits abound and coat all reaches of the mouth. Tannins are fine and dusty but are very well integrated. The wine displays a beautiful mouthfeel with perfect harmony of fruit, tannin and subtle barrel ferment characters. This silky but solid wine is completed with a truly amazing length. Stylish and pure, this is a superb wine that whilst drinks well upon release will ultimately benefit from a decade or more in the cellar.



*This wine is 100% Organic
as certified by Australian Certified Organic.*

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