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BAROSSA VALLEY



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KALLESKE 2009 MERCHANT CABERNET SAUVIGNON

In 1838, merchant and miller, Johann Georg Kalleske migrated from Prussia, establishing a new life in South Australia. Today, seven generations later, descendant and fellow merchant and miller, Kym John Kalleske, farms our diverse Kalleske property established at Greenock in the North-Western Barossa in 1853. Continuing the family tradition, Kym is a miller of hay and a merchant of chaff, lamb and grapes. This Merchant Cabernet Sauvignon is a single vineyard wine that's been hand pruned and harvested by Kym. Traditional winemaking and two years in barrel has ensured a full-bodied varietal Cabernet Sauvignon displaying classic structure and richness typical of the Kalleske vineyard.

GROWING SEASON

2009 was a brilliant vintage with ideal ripening conditions, great quality and moderate yields. The growing season started cooler than average and was followed by a short heat period before perfect Autumnal weather (mid to high 20s) prevailed for the entire vintage.

VINEYARD

Merchant Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from a single vineyard that was planted on the Kalleske property at the end of last century. The hand-pruned vines are low-yielding and are grown in shallow, sandy loam soil over superb deep red clay, providing ideal conditions for Cabernet Sauvignon.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were picked on 31st March 2009 and then destemmed into an open top fermenter. The must was fermented for 10 days on skins with hand pump-overs twice a day. After pressing off skins the Cabernet was filled to a mix of 30% new and the balance used French oak hogsheads. The wine completed primary fermentation and underwent natural malolactic fermentation in barrel. The Cabernet was matured in barrel for two years prior to bottling without fining or filtration.

TASTING NOTES

Merchant Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 is vibrant purple-red in colour. The nose is classically ripe varietal Cabernet displaying lifted aromas of blackcurrant, chocolate mint and tobacco. These flavours continue to the full bodied palate where ripe but prominent tannins provide an excellent structured backbone. Intense fruit purity is a hallmark of this alluring and harmonious wine that is completed by a long flavoursome finish. Merchant is a classic Barossa Cabernet that can be equally enjoyed now or in a decade or more.



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*This wine is 100% Organic & Biodynamic
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