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2010 KALLESKE 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

2010 was an outstanding vintage – one of the best of the decade. It was a steady vintage with ideal warm Autumn days and cool nights. Fruit ripened perfectly, was picked at optimum time and brilliant wine has resulted. Truly a standout 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 24th March 2010 and then destemmed into an open top fermenter. The must was fermented for 8 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 2010 is purple-red in colour. The inviting nose displays varietal red fruits, cherry and mulberry with a hint of choc mint and tobacco. The medium to full bodied palate is well balanced with flavours of juicy plum, red cherry and subtle oak. Tannins are fine and elegant adding harmony. There is good seamless structure and complexity with enough power but under control giving good balance. This stylish Cabernet is completed by a lingering varietal finish. Merchant is a classic Barossa Cabernet that can be equally enjoyed now or in a decade.



*This wine is 100% Organic & Biodynamic
Certified by Australian Certified Organic.*

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