

2011 KALLESKE JMK SHIRAZ VP

JMK Shiraz VP is a luscious fortified Shiraz grown and vintaged on the Kalleske family farm at Greenock in the North-Western Barossa Valley. This wine is dedicated to fifth generation grapegrower, John Malcolm Kalleske (JMK), who has tended the Kalleske family vineyards for more than 50 years. The vineyard for this special wine was hand pruned and harvested by John. JMK Shiraz reflects the dedication of John and the generations before him to the treasured Kalleske vineyard.

GROWING SEASON

Vintage 2011 was the wettest growing season since our first Kalleske vintage in 2002 and certainly the wettest the Barossa has experienced for decades, with double the normal rainfall. It was also much cooler too, resulting in a longer ripening process and vintage being about 3 weeks later than normal. However, once vintage began in mid March, April was dry and warm with fantastic ripening conditions to give a perfect finish to the vintage

VINEYARD

Kalleske JMK Shiraz VP is sourced from select blocks of the Kalleske vineyard, including the renowned 'Greenock' block. The vineyard blocks consists of shallow, sandy loam soil over superb deep red clay and limestone, providing ideal conditions for Shiraz vines.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested in 2 batches over 2 weeks providing differing sweetness and complexity for the finished wine. Following harvest, the grapes were fermented in open top fermenters with hand pump-overs twice a day. Sweetness and flavours of the fermenting grapes were closely monitored and when at desired levels for each batch, at 3-5 days after harvest, a portion of free-run juice was drained from the fermenters and fortified to arrest the fermentation and retain some natural grape sweetness. A combination of young and old (up to 20 years) brandy spirit was used to fortify the wine, ensuring added complexity. Following fortification, the wine was matured in well seasoned hogsheads for two years. At this time, only the very best barrels were selected to be included in the bottling of this liqueur Shiraz.

TASTING NOTES

JMK Shiraz VP is deep purple-black in colour. On the nose there are inviting aromas of chocolate, blueberry, fruit cake, cinnamon and clove spice, raisins and dried fig. The palate is rich, luscious and very mouthfilling with plenty of dark black fruit flavours. The brandy spirit is balanced, complex and classy. There are subtle tannins adding structure. The rich fruit flavours are complimented by well balanced restrained grape sweetness. The wine has a suitably dry finish that is very generous and lengthy. JMK is a harmonious and opulent wine that can be enjoyed now or after a decade or more in the cellar.



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