

Kalleske
BAROSSA VALLEY



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2012 KALLESKE FORDSON ZINFANDEL

In 1853, the Kalleske vineyard and farm was established at Greenock in the Barossa's North-West. For 97 years horses were used to work the vineyard and land. This changed in 1950 when a new type of horse-power arrived on the property, a 'Fordson' Major tractor. The Fordson soon became a valuable and integral part of vineyard and farm activities. Fordson Zinfandel (a.k.a. Primitivo) is a single vineyard wine that's been grown, vintaged and matured on the Kalleske property. Vigilant grape growing combined with traditional winemaking and sixteen months barrel maturation has resulted in a flavoursome varietal Zinfandel displaying classic structure and richness typical of the Kalleske vineyard.

GROWING SEASON

Vintage 2012 was a fantastic year. The wines from 2012 are outstanding and up there with 2010 and 2002 as the best wines to come out of our Kalleske winery. Vintage 2012 began with a good growing season of moderate rainfall and normal temperatures. Summer and Autumn were perfect with generally warm sunny days and only a few heat periods but nothing extreme. The weather was generally dry with an occasional shower of rain refreshing the vines. The perfect mid-high 20s weather ensured the grapes ripened steadily and evenly producing outstanding quality.

VINEYARD

Fordson is a single vineyard Zinfandel from the Kalleske property. The hand-pruned vines are low-yielding and are grown in shallow, sandy loam soil over superb deep red clay.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested on April 11th and fermented for ten days on skins with hand pumpovers twice daily. Following pressing the wine was matured in seasoned hogsheads for sixteen months prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Fordson Zinfandel 2012 is magenta-red in colour. The bouquet is lifted with aromas of wild berries, briar, anise, rhubarb, spice and fruit cake. The palate is round and smooth with flavours of red and black fruits. Tannins are velvety giving an overall seamless structure to the wine. Maturation in seasoned barrels has added subtle oak complexity while preserving the fruit character. Medium to full-bodied in weight this is a harmonious wine that finishes with very good length. Approachable and fruit forward, Fordson Zinfandel can be enjoyed now or over the next five years.



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

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