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2012 KALLESKE JOHANN GEORG SHIRAZ

Johann Georg Shiraz is a single vineyard wine produced from an ancient vineyard on our Kalleske estate at Greenock, in the North-Western Barossa Valley. The vineyard was planted in 1875 and the gnarly, dry-grown vines produce extremely low yields. As this wine is from the oldest vineyard on our Kalleske farm, it is a fitting tribute to name the wine in honour of the first Kalleske to migrate to Australia. Johann Georg Kalleske migrated from Prussia to South Australia in 1838 aboard the Prince George. Johann's descendants now meticulously tend the Johann Georg vineyard planted two centuries ago. An amazing wine, produced in tiny quantities and destined for long term cellaring, Johann Georg Shiraz is truly something special.

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

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 handpicked on April 2nd and the grapes destemmed into a small open top fermenter. The grapes were fermented for eight days on skins where hand pumpovers were employed twice daily. The must was pressed and immediately filled to new and seasoned French & American oak hogsheads. The wine was matured in hogsheads for two years prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

2012 Johann Georg Shiraz is dense red black in colour. On the nose there are intense rich dark berry fruits, floral perfume, blueberry, nutmeg spice, cedar, roast meats, coffee and herbs. Powerful and elegant at the same time, the rich palate is full-bodied and superbly balanced. Pristine dark fruit is complimented with subtle barrel ferment characters adding complexity. Fine natural tannins add structure and definition to this multi-layered Shiraz. A long lasting finish completes this distinguished and stylish wine. Johann is a superb old vine Barossa Shiraz that whilst drinks well upon release will ultimately benefit from a decade or more in the cellar.