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2013 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 2013 was a great quality year. However, yields were very low as a result of a very dry season, with less than half the normal growing season rainfall. It was also warmer than average with the dry and warm conditions resulting in vintage being three weeks earlier than normal. Importantly though, quality was amazing. Wines are rich, mouth filling and extremely lengthy.

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 February 26th and the grapes destemmed into a small open top fermenter. The grapes were fermented for ten days on skins where hand pumpovers were employed twice daily. The must was pressed and immediately filled to new and seasoned French oak hogsheads. The wine was matured for two years prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

2013 Johann is as dark as they come, opaque crimson red with purple hues. The aroma is all class. There are tiers of purple fruits, violets, berries and raisins interlaced with some savoury notes of coal roasted meat and cedar. Fading to reveal more layers, every swirl seems to turn a page, opening to spices of cardamom, clove and aniseed followed by vanilla bean and furniture wax. The palate displays classic dry-grown intensity and style. This is an intellectual wine with so much going on. Opening with rich fruit weight of blackberry and raisin this subsides to many layers of spice. Tannins are super-fine and tight knit, penetrating the entire palate adding stylish definition and together with bright but integrated acid, hold this immensely dense wine together. A very lengthy finish completes this distinguished old vine Barossa Shiraz. Very balanced for such a robust wine, the 2013 Johann Georg will ultimately benefit from a couple decades in the cellar.