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2015 KALLESKE OLD VINE GRENACHE

Kalleske Old Vine Grenache is made from a low yielding, single vineyard planted in 1935 on our Kalleske estate. Situated on the outskirts of Greenock in the North-Western Barossa Valley, the Kalleske's have been farming this property for over 150 years and the vineyard is now tended by sixth and seventh generation family members. Following picking these dry-grown Grenache grapes were fermented in open fermenters and then gently pressed in our estate winery. The wine was matured in seasoned oak hogsheads for eighteen months giving a complex Grenache wine, which will benefit from cellaring.

GROWING SEASON

Vintage 2015 produced excellent wines. It began with a wet Winter followed by a very dry growing season with less than half the average rainfall. Spring was warmer than average leading to an earlier budburst and early vintage. Summer brought average temperatures, ensuring the dry conditions were not stressful to the vines, and a slow even ripening ensued. Quality is brilliant, certainly one of the highlights in recent years.

VINEYARD

Old Vine Grenache is made from a single vineyard planted in 1935 as bush vines on the Kalleske farm. The vineyard soil is shallow sand with light clay subsoil and the grapes are entirely dry-grown ensuring intensely flavoured fruit.

WINEMAKING

Following hand picking on April 1st, grapes were destemmed into an open-top fermenter. The must was warmly fermented using native yeast and gentle hand pumpovers were carried out twice a day for flavour and colour extraction. After fermentation on skins for ten days the must was traditionally pressed and then filled to barrel. The wine was matured in seasoned American and French oak hogsheads for fifteen months prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Old Vine Grenache 2015 is deep red-purple in colour. The aroma is alluring with dark cherry, potpourri, mixed spice, musk, choc mint and raspberry. The palate is generous and mouth-filling. It is full-bodied displaying classic varietal Grenache characters. Fruity raspberry and licorice is balanced by a fine line of defined tannins adding a strong backbone. It is ripe in flavour with bright acid adding balance and the depth is outstanding. A lengthy finish completes this complex and pure wine. This distinguished Grenache drinks well now but is ideally suited for serious cellaring.



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