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2016 KALLESKE FLORENTINE CHENIN BLANC

This single vineyard Chenin Blanc, sourced from mature vines on our Kalleske farm, has been wild fermented and partially barrel matured to provide a varietal yet complex wine. It gains its name from Caroline 'Florentine' Kalleske, the first daughter of Johann Georg Kalleske who migrated to Australia from Prussia in 1838. Florentine is a genuine hand crafted wine that's been grown, vintaged and matured on our Kalleske estate at Greenock in the North-Western Barossa.

GROWING SEASON

Vintage 2016 was hot and dry resulting in grapes ripening earlier than average. Winter and Spring rainfall was down by 38% whilst growing season temperatures were up by 3 degrees. Some welcome rain came at the end of January refreshing the vines and giving them good moisture to ripen to maturity. Yields from 2016 are solid and importantly quality is stunning. 2016 is certainly a star vintage with bright intense wines of great flavour intensity and inherent balance.

VINEYARD

Florentine is from a single vineyard of Chenin Blanc on the Kalleske property that was planted in 1988. The vines are low yielding and soil is shallow sand with clay subsoil.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested in the cool of the night on March 8th. They were then pressed and the juice was briefly settled prior to racking to fermentation. The juice was entirely wild fermented with native yeast and half of the ferment was undertaken in French and Hungarian oak hogsheads and the remainder in tank. Partial lees stirring was employed post fermentation for added texture and complexity. The wine was blended and bottled after 4 months barrel maturation.

TASTING NOTES

Florentine 2016 is light-straw in colour. The aroma bursts forth with lemon custard, apple pie, quince and nutty oak. These inviting characters continue to the medium-bodied palate. Crisp white fruits are supported with a creamy texture and a hint of oak. Very drinkable, a lingering clean finish completes this delicious wine. Florentine can be enjoyed now but will cellar gracefully.