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2016 KALLESKE GREENOCK SHIRAZ

Greenock Shiraz is a single vineyard wine produced from low yielding Shiraz vines on the Kalleske estate at Greenock, in the North-Western Barossa Valley. Cuttings for these vines originate from a vineyard planted on the property in the late 1800s. Today, sixth and seventh generation family members meticulously tend the vines. Traditional winemaking and maturation in American and French oak hogsheads has ensured a complex, full-bodied Shiraz which will reward long term cellaring. Greenock Shiraz is a true family estate wine - grown, vintaged and matured on the Kalleske estate.

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

Kalleske Greenock Shiraz is sourced from a single vineyard, located on the Western edge of the Greenock Creek in the Northern Barossa Valley. The vineyard consists of shallow, sandy loam soil over superb deep red clay and limestone, providing ideal conditions for Shiraz vines.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested on March 2nd and March 9th from a single vineyard, the "Greenock" block. After picking, the grapes were destemmed into open top fermenters. They were fermented warm with hand pump-overs twice a day for 8-13 days on skins prior to pressing. After pressing off skins the wines were filled to a mix of 35% new and the balance used American and French oak hogsheads. The wines completed primary fermentation and underwent natural malolactic fermentation in barrel. The wine was matured in barrel for fourteen months prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

2016 Greenock Shiraz is rich dark purple-black in colour.

It is very intense aromatically and immediately indicates an impressive, mighty and sophisticated wine. Oozing classic ripe Barossa Shiraz there are aromas of blueberry, fruit cake, deep florals, cocoa, sweet tobacco, licorice and a hint of vanilla bean. The complex palate is rich and full-bodied. Intense dark fruits dominate complimented with subtle oak barrel nuances. The dense fruit is framed by strong tannins. But being naturally derived the tannins are fully integrated adding structure, definition and future longevity. The length on this wine is nothing short of ravishing. It is a dry lingering finish combined with lush fruit persistence. This is a wine of great purity and utmost calibre. Greenock is a complex, refined and classy Barossa Shiraz that has a long cellaring future.



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