

Kalleske

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ZEITGEIST

By definition, each 'vintage' is unique. Rainfall, sunshine, temperature, wind, humidity all vary dramatically from year to year. The beauty of vines is that they characteristically reflect the season in their fruit. Traditional winemaking of maturing wine in oak barrels over time can result in the bright, fresh, unique characteristics of the vintage being less evident. Hence, Zeitgeist has been bottled to showcase the 2015 vintage in all its primary vibrant glory. It is a cross section of multiple Shiraz blocks of the Kalleske family vineyard, ensuring a solid representation of the true character of the vintage.

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

The Kalleske vineyard is a diverse mix of 120 acres of vines spread over the 500 acre farm. Shiraz dominates the plantings and multiple Shiraz blocks spanning from 1905 to 1994 were blended to make this wine. Shiraz from these blocks will go into the usual Kalleske Eduard, Greenock, Moppa and Clarry's wines. All Shiraz vines are low yielding and soils are typically shallow sand with excellent clay subsoil.

WINEMAKING

The Shiraz blocks were harvested over numerous weeks from February 17th through to March 16th. Each batch was separately destemmed into an open top fermenter where it was native yeast fermented for 7-14 days on skins with hand pumpovers employed twice daily. The musts were pressed and prior to filling to barrel a portion of each lot was set aside in stainless tank to create this Zeitgeist blend. Following settling, the young wine was bottled in early May, without sulphur dioxide, to capture the vibrancy and primacy of the vintage.

TASTING NOTES

Zeitgeist Shiraz 2016 is vivid dark indigo-purple in colour. Stunning perfume is the immediate greeting as the powerful aromas emanate from the glass. It's alive, bursting with uplifting fresh violets, blueberry, blackberry and aniseed. There is bright, pure expressive fruit. The energy continues onto the palate which is equally vibrant and engaging. It's juicy with rich and dynamic dark but radiant fruits. Full-bodied, natural tannins add presence and a fine structure. The finish is extremely lengthy, with the expressive fruit purity lingering for a long time. Strikingly complex wine for the age, Zeitgeist is enjoyable now with its primal characters but is powered to cellar well for many years to come.

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