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BAROSSA VALLEY



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2017 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 giving a complex Grenache wine, which will benefit from cellaring.

GROWING SEASON

Vintage 2017 was stunning. The vines got off to a fantastic start with a wetter than average Winter and mild Spring. Summer brought typically average warm conditions with some excellent rainfall, twice the average. This kept the vines in superb condition for steady ripening into Autumn which remained dry with warm sunny days and cool nights. Yields from 2017 are good and quality is exceptional.

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 25th grapes were destemmed into an open-top fermenter. The must was warmly fermented using native yeast and the skins were entirely submerged for gentle flavour and colour extraction for the ten day fermentation. The must was then traditionally pressed and filled to barrel. The wine was matured in seasoned American and French oak hogsheads for twelve months prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Old Vine Grenache 2017 is medium red-maroon in colour. The aromas are elated, erupting with pronounced old vine Grenache varietal characters of heritage rose potpourri, musk, ripe raspberry and a hint of choc mint. The medium-full bodied palate is bursting with pure fruits. Very juicy with loads of intensity the plush fruit flavours are flanked with gentle natural tannins adding definition and structure. The seasoned oak maturation has given utmost courtesy to the incredible old vine dry-grown fruit quality. A lengthy finish is an understatement, with the varietal purity almost endless. Harmony and stylish fruit are the hallmarks of this wine. This distinguished Grenache drinks well now but is ideally suited for serious cellaring.



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