

2002 KALLESKE OLD VINE GRENACHE



Old Vine Grenache is produced in South Australia's Barossa Valley, by the Kalleske family who have been farming and growing grapes since the 1800's. It is a genuine estate wine - grown, vintaged and matured on the Kalleske estate at Greenock.

Growing Season:

The 2002 growing season began with good winter and early spring rains and was followed by a cooler than average summer, with temperatures rarely exceeding 30 degrees celsius. This was followed by a dry autumn with warm days and cool nights providing ideal ripening conditions allowing good flavour and colour development.

Vineyard:

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

Winemaking:

Harvest Date: 25th April 2002

Harvest Baume: 15.2 (27.4 Brix)

Following hand picking, grapes were destemmed into open-top fermenters. The cool growing season provided excellent natural acidity with acid additions not required. The must was warmly fermented using native yeast, with temperatures reaching up to 32 degrees celsius. Gentle hand pumpovers were carried out twice a day for flavour and colour extraction. After a 10 day fermentation on skins the must was basket pressed at 0.5 baume with fermentation completing in barrel. The wine was matured in old American oak hogsheads for 22 months prior to bottling. An intense, rich and robust Barossa Grenache.

Tasting Notes:

The wine is deep purple-red in colour.

On the nose there are enticing aromas of exotic fruits and spice with a touch of mint.

These exotic fruit flavours continue to the palate which is soft and velvety with very ripe rich fruit. The palate is well-balanced and very lengthy.

A very rich Barossa Valley Grenache which will benefit from cellaring.

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Reviews:

"Kalleske 2002 Old Vine Grenache... Dark ruby garnet color. Loaded with clove, licorice and vanilla to accent its big raspberry and dark cherry nose, the combination of fruit, spices and toast is intoxicating. In fact, there's almost a brandied fruitcake quality to the nose. Off-sweet mouthfeel, lots of smooth - almost jammy fruit, and a very long finish, and fascinating aftertaste. This was being touted as the next big thing. Just might be. Of course they'll need a nickname for it.
Aroma score: A- Taste score: A- Overall score: A-"

..... Grape-Nutz Wine Review, September 2004

"Kalleske 2002 Old Vine Grenache... Very ripe and flavoursome..."

..... WineWise Magazine, August 2004

"Kalleske ... 5 stars ... Outstanding winery regularly producing exemplary wines."

..... James Halliday, 2005 James Halliday Wine Companion, August 2004

"Ten best new wineries in Australia... Kalleske"

..... James Halliday, 2005 James Halliday Wine Companion, August 2004

"Best wineries of the region ... Barossa Valley ... Kalleske."

..... James Halliday, 2005 James Halliday Wine Companion, August 2004

"... the Greenock Shiraz and Old Vine Grenache are superb examples of the richest Barossa style... the quality and density is awesome ... very definitely a winery to watch."

..... James Halliday, 2005 James Halliday Wine Companion, August 2004

"Kalleske 2002 Old Vine Grenache ...supple, sumptuous and round Grenache, a little mouthful of spicy cherry and plum flavours that remain succulent right through the long, fine-grained finish. Drink now through 2012 ...92 points."

..... Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator, July 2004

"Kalleske 2002 Old Vine Grenache ...I take off my hat ...concentrated, imperious mix of black fruits, exotic tangy spices ...notable in particular for the structure that many grenaches lack ...94 points."

..... James Halliday, The Weekend Australian, May 2004

"Kalleske ... most exciting new brand from the Barossa in 20 years – since the arrival of Rockford ... compulsory buying for Barossan red lovers."

"Kalleske 2002 Old Vine Grenache ... too beautiful to imagine ... 94 points."

..... Campbell Mattinson, Winefront Monthly, March 2004

"Kalleske 2002 Old Vine Grenache ... this wine amazed the entire panel! ... sheer quality ... a Grenache with intensity, structure and the ability to cellar into something special ... great wine."

..... Auswine blind tasting panel, March 2004

"Kalleske ... great stuff ...a new star is born in the Barossa Valley."

..... Gavin Trott, Australian Wine Centre, March 2004

"Hot Brand 2003 ...Kalleske ...Hot Brands represent 10 of the most exciting quality wine producers in Australia today Kalleske's Shiraz is in the Grange mould, dense, concentrated and destined for long life."

..... eNewsletter, Heritage Fine Wines, December 2003

"So where are the hot, emerging wineries that offer opportunities for wine lovers seeking quality wine both for drinking and the prospect of capital appreciation?...Barossa...Kalleske..."

..... Mortgage Magazine, October 2003

"The quality and density of the yet-to-be-bottled 2002 and 2003 wines is awesome, directly reflecting the old vines and open fermentation techniques employed. Very definitely a winery to watch as its production increases to 4000 cases in 2004 and beyond."

..... James Halliday, Winepros, August 2003