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BAROSSA VALLEY



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2016 KALLESKE JOHANN GEORG SHIRAZ

Johann Georg Shiraz is a single vineyard wine produced from an ancient vineyard on our Kalleske estate at Greenock, in the North-Western Barossa Valley. The vineyard was planted in 1875 and the gnarly, dry-grown vines produce extremely low yields. As this wine is from the oldest vineyard on our Kalleske farm, it is a fitting tribute to name the wine in honour of the first Kalleske to migrate to Australia. Johann Georg Kalleske migrated from Prussia to South Australia in 1838 aboard the Prince George. Johann's descendants now meticulously tend the Johann Georg vineyard planted two centuries ago. An amazing wine, produced in tiny quantities and destined for long term cellaring, Johann Georg Shiraz is truly something special.

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

This vineyard was planted in 1875 and produces very low yields of around one tonne per acre from old, gnarly, dry grown vines. The top soil is sandy with excellent clay subsoil.

WINEMAKING

The ancient Shiraz vines were hand picked on March 8th and the grapes destemmed into a small open top fermenter. The grapes were fermented for thirteen days on skins where hand pumpovers were employed twice daily. The must was pressed and immediately filled to new and seasoned French oak hogsheads. The wine was matured for two years prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

2016 Johann Georg Shiraz is dense magenta-black in colour. On the nose there are intense but bright aromatics of dark berry fruits, rose florals, fragrant spice, cured meats, coffee and black plum. Powerful, yet elegant, the rich palate is full-bodied and exquisitely balanced. The dominant pristine dark fruit is intertwined with classy French oak as well as traces of spice and licorice. Fine natural tannins add structure and definition to this multi-layered Shiraz that overall presents a silky texture and stylish profile. The finish is extraordinarily long with the sleek fruits continuing almost endlessly. 2016 Johann is a superb wine that will ultimately benefit from a decade or two in the cellar.



This wine is 100% Organic /
Biodynamic as certified by
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