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## 2018 KALLESKE MERCHANT CAB SAUV

In 1838, merchant and miller, Johann Georg Kalleske migrated from Prussia, establishing a new life in South Australia. Today, seven generations later, descendant and fellow merchant and miller, Kym John Kalleske, farms our diverse Kalleske property established at Greenock in the North-Western Barossa in 1853. Continuing the family tradition, Kym is a miller of hay and a merchant of chaff, lamb and grapes. This Merchant Cabernet Sauvignon is a single vineyard wine that's been hand pruned and harvested by Kym. Traditional winemaking and maturation in new and seasoned French oak hogsheads has ensured a full-bodied varietal Cabernet Sauvignon displaying classic structure and richness typical of the Kalleske vineyard.

### GROWING SEASON

The 2018 vintage was superb. Winter was slightly wetter than average getting the vines off to a brilliant start leading them into Spring which was warmer and drier than average. Rain in early December refreshed the vines and ensured they remained strong and healthy for the overall dry and hot Summer. Autumn also remained dry with perfect Autumnal temperatures leading into harvest. The 2018 yields are good and the quality is excellent, a classic Barossa vintage.

### VINEYARD

Merchant Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from a single vineyard that was planted on the Kalleske property at the end of last century. The hand-pruned vines are low-yielding and are grown in shallow, sandy loam soil over superb deep red clay, providing ideal conditions for Cabernet Sauvignon.

### WINEMAKING

The grapes were picked in two lots on April 5th and April 10th. Following destemming into open-top fermenters, the must was fermented for 9 days on skins with hand pump-overs twice a day. After pressing off skins the Cabernet was filled to a mix of 30% new and the balance used French oak hogsheads, where the wine underwent natural malolactic fermentation. The Cabernet was matured in barrel for twelve months prior to bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

Merchant Cabernet 2018 is rich burgundy-red in colour.

There are inviting varietal aromatics of blackcurrant, anise, cedar, dark cherry, beetroot and a touch of mint.

The palate is flavoursome and full-bodied. There is plenty of juicy red and black fruits. Oak is subtle offering a supportive role and complexity. Natural tannins are evident with their fine nature adding structure, definition and age-worthiness without dryness. It has a lengthy and dynamic finish, completing a very smart wine, reflective of both the variety and region. Merchant is a classic Barossa Cabernet that can be equally enjoyed now or in a decade



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

