



2018 Kalleske PARALLAX

Grenache is one of the most widely planted red wine grape varieties in the world. It is typically harvested late in the season when it is fully ripe to display gorgeous rich sweet red fruit characters and soft supple tannins with a generous and supple mouthfeel. But when harvested early in the season a divergent and equally impressive wine can result. Parallax Grenache is picked 2-3 weeks earlier than normal and combined with fermentation on stalks and minimal maturation has resulted in an admirably divergent wine compared to the norm from this variety, showing the versatility of Grenache.

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

The 2018 Parallax is a single-vineyard wine from a low yielding Grenache vineyard planted in 1940 on the Kalleske farm. The soil is sandy loam with quartz, ironstone and subsoil clay, providing optimal conditions for these old vines.

WINEMAKING

The Grenache was harvested on March 14th. The grapes were crushed and all stalks were included in the fermenters to add tannin, structure and complexity. The native wild yeast from the vineyard were left to naturally ferment with temperature peaking at 24 degrees C. Heading down boards were used in the fermenters, completely submersing the skins and stalks in the fermenting juice to ensure gentle extraction. After 14 days on skins, the must was pressed to tank for natural malolactic fermentation and brief maturation prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

2018 Parallax is light ruby-red in colour. Inviting aromatics burst forward. It's bright and alluring with fresh strawberries, rhubarb, raspberry, potpourri and a touch of earth. The light-bodied palate is equally as luminous and expressly bountiful. Upfront it oozes crunchy red fruits with a touch of mid-palate creaminess followed by refreshing minerality. Natural tannins are evident keeping it edgy and vivacious but perfectly balanced. This is a dynamic and engaging wine that is completed by a lengthy finish. Parallax is best enjoyed now or over the next five years.

Parallax: Parallax is when an object appears to change its position because the person or instrument perceiving it has changed their position.

Parallax Grenache... the object is the same, Grenache... but the winery perceiving it has changed their position... hence the emergence of a neoteric expression of this classic old vine Barossa varietal.

