



Kalleske Old Vine Grenache

2006

You'd expect nothing but the best from the 2008 Barossa Winemaker of the Year and Troy Kalleske's Old Vine Grenache delivers. Lifted, perfumed black fruit and a touch of spicy oak characterize the nose and lead to a nicely textured palate with lovely silky black fruit and a delicious spicy finish.



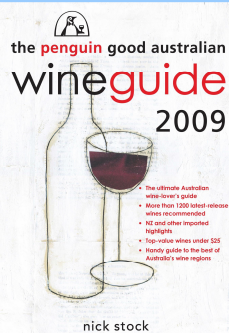
Selector Magazine, State of Play, Autumn 09.



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92 points

The deep crimson-colored 2006 Old Vine Grenache was sourced from a 71-year-old estate vineyard and aged for two years in seasoned French and American oak hogsheads. It offers up an alluring aromatic array of leather, violet, spice box, and black cherry. Full-bodied and intense on the palate, it delivers gobs of savory fruit, outstanding depth, and a long, pure finish. Drink this tasty effort from 2011 to 2018.



5 Stars

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A single-vineyard plot planted in 1935 on the Kalleske estate out in Greenock, this has true old vine soul. Dark ripe berries and rich brambly fragrance, savoury oak and earthy notes; still very unevolved at this stage. Old vines bring concentration with elegance and balance and that's what the palate is all about; smooth, supple tannins and a deep scoop through the finish. Australian Grenache at the top level and phenomenal value for money on a world stage.



The Advertiser TOP 100 WINES



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A huge complex wine combining subtle cherry fruit, cola, licorice and spices on the nose, with elements of leather and tobacco showing up to play. A classic, full-on Grenache that offers a big mouthful of tannins, warm, rich spices and sour cherry flavours, that will come to an even more exciting crescendo after several years.



Top 100 Wines 2008, The Advertiser, Nov 2008

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I look forward to Kalleske Grenache. It is a tough variety to love - easy to overcook the lolly flavours and go all glossy and hot on the finish. Kalleske tend not to do that - although they do produce high alcohols in their Grenache, and this one is no exception. But - the heat tends to remain in check along with some massive flavour. Power is the word, but is not bombastic spreading through the mouth like a tidal wave. There is a real linear mouth feel, a zippy acidity and flavour profile that has dark fruit and even some raisons and prunes, but it is all servicing a fresh earth and spiciness. Length is as always - massive. Well worth trying this wine to see where Grenache can be taken too.



Ian Robertson, Wine Without Wank, 6 October 2008



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This is an unequivocally bold, full-bodied Barossa red wine. It has a glorious perfume of glossy ripe purple plums and crushed dried herbs, and fills the mouth with rich squashed blackberries and leathery tannins. Fabulous.

Max Allen, The Weekend Australian Magazine, October 4-5, 2008

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This release has a touch of mint but it's minor enough to make it a positive component of the wine - leaving me free to enjoy the wine's silken flavours. This really does have a soft heart. It tastes of raspberries, dried licorice, blackberries and minimal oak, and its tannins have been beautifully and softly managed. It is 15.5% alcohol but it doesn't overtly show it. 2006 is arguably a lighter vintage but for this wine it's worked as a positive.



Campbell Mattinson, The Winefront, Friday 22nd August 2008.



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The bouquet was brooding, earthy, and showed chocolate, mint and mushroom. As it opened some red spectrum characters emerged. The wine is impeccably balanced and sits beautifully on the palate. Blackcurrant, red currant, raspberry, star anise, and mocha flavours finish very fresh and clean thanks to the lively acid, and with good length too. It's ample-weight, locked tight, firm, solid and refined. A very serious Grenache, this is one I am happy to drink. Rated as Highly Recommended with *** for value, the rating may improve as the wine enters its peak drinking window between 2012 and 2020. (I won't admit it in public, but I prefer the Grenache to the Shiraz.)



... Ric Einstein, Torbwine, May 2008



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... WBM 100, July 2008.