



Kalleske 2004

Old Vine Grenache

... Upon the first sip, the **excellent structure and balance** of the wine was immediately apparent. Well-backed by very fine, powdery tannins and refreshing acid, the deeply-seated fruit was primarily off-sweet showing black chocolate, spice, black fruits and a touch of sweetness below; some charcoal/licuorice character is still noticeable. It's **a muscular-weight wine** with a supple consistency, a solid, layered and above all, tight structure; the **complexity** is well developed and whilst it is a bloody nice wine, it needs many hours in a decanter or a good long sleep in the cellar (till 2010+).

Rated as **Highly Recommended**.

...Ric Einstein, TorbWine, August 2006



BLACKTONGUES GRENACHE TASTING

2004 Kalleske Old Vine Grenache...



Dark to very inky purple/red. From the first look, whiff and taste I could tell this was **very serious, and very, very special**. Sweet/spicy coconut, eucalyptus/mint, earthy/dark chocolate and a hint of VA on the nose, **layered, powerful, complex and unique**. The appearance and bouquet set **a very high standard** for the palate, which it more than matched; a sweet/minty entry followed by ripe, peaty blackberry/blueberry fruit and black olive tannins, layered, huge, chewy and **on a scale that defies belief**. There was the odd panelist who thought it wasn't Grenache-like; frankly I couldn't care less, **this sets a standard that all Grenache should be measured against**. I also think it's **the best wine I've tried this year**.

Panel ranking: **1st place** (out of 9).

... Blacktongues, Tasting Panel, July 2006



Ralph Kyte-Powell

EPICURE UNCORKED

Kalleske Old Vine Grenache 2004

Like intoxicating reds? This Barossa whopper weighs in at 15.5 per cent, yet it carries that power well. The nose has jammy blackberry and black cherry preserve notes, plenty of sweet spice and a pleasant thread of old oak.

The full palate is plush-smooth and ripely flavoured, finishing mellow and long.

Four and a half stars. First Class, a wine of distinction.

... Ralph Kyte-Powell, Epicure Uncorked, The Age (Melbourne), Sep 26 2006



Robert M. Parker, Jr.'s
The WINE ADVOCATE



A young turk, Troy Kalleske, seems to be obsessed with making a great name for his family's Barossa Valley wines. The Kalleske family owns a whopping 400 acres (sic) of vines in Barossa's tenderloin section, the highly renowned Greenock region, where the conditions are extreme and the vines are stressed. Most of the Kalleske fruit was sold off to larger companies until Troy recently decided to produce his own wines.

From vines planted in 1935, the **2004 Grenache Old Vine** (100% Grenache aged in neutral French and American oak for two years) reveals a big, sweet nose of black raspberries, sweet cherries, pepper, spice, and resinous notes. **Rich, heady, and full-bodied** with moderate alcohol for the vintage (15.5%), this long, evolved Grenache is best drunk over the next 4-5 years.

92 POINTS

... Robert Parker Jr., The Wine Advocate, Oct 31 2006

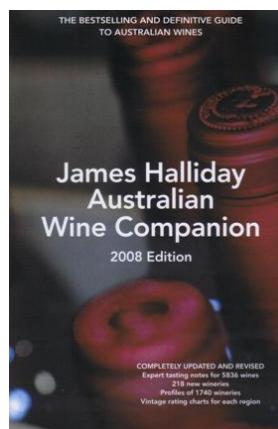
Kalleske Barossa Valley Old Vine Grenache 2004...

Let's put the ticks in the boxes first: **the fruit is black and clean**. The texture is soft and supple, and as it coats your tongue you know you're in for a damn fine time. The length is good, if not better than that. The tannin: **very fine, massaged, a good amount but not at all obtrusive**. The complexity: not sensational, but the wine is not simple either. There's old wood and smoke and spice and raspberry and kirsch, all of which is quite spot on. Indeed, **the wine is pretty much perfect**, except for an overt choc-spearmint flavour that would give Peppermint Patty a run for its money. If this flavour doesn't bother you, then I can guarantee that you will love this wine, because in all other respects it is fantastic. Drink: 2006-2015.

91 points.



...Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front, Annual Reviews, 2006-2007



Kalleske Old Vine Barossa Valley Grenache 2004...

4.5 stars.

90 points.

Has the high-toned confection character so frequent in Barossa Valley Grenache; confit and plum fruit, the alcohol very evident. Others will enjoy the wine far more. Drink to 2015.

... James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion, 2008 Edition

