



2020 Kalleske ZEITGEIST

By definition, each 'vintage' is unique. Rainfall, sunshine, temperature, wind, humidity all vary dramatically from year to year. The beauty of vines is that they characteristically reflect the season in their fruit. Traditional winemaking of maturing wine in oak barrels over time can result in the bright, fresh, unique characteristics of the vintage being less evident. Hence, Zeitgeist has been bottled to showcase the 2020 vintage in all its primary vibrant glory. It is a cross section of multiple Shiraz blocks of the Kalleske family vineyard, ensuring a solid representation of the true character of the vintage.

GROWING SEASON

Vintage 2020 has delivered wines of amazing quality. However, quantity is very limited, with it being one of the lowest grape yields ever in the Barossa at around 50% of average. Yields were dire due to a combination of early mild frost conditions, then a notably windy period (45% windier) around flowering leading to poor set (not many berries) followed by some hot days in November and an overall dry growing season (34% down). Notably, quality is of the highest echelon with rich colours and intense robust flavours.

VINEYARD

The Kalleske vineyard is a diverse mix of 120 acres of vines spread over the 500 acre farm. Shiraz dominates the plantings and multiple Shiraz blocks spanning from 1905 to 1994 were blended to make this wine. Shiraz from these blocks will go into the usual Kalleske Eduard, Greenock, Moppa and Clarry's wines. All Shiraz vines are low yielding and soils are typically shallow sand with excellent clay subsoil.

WINEMAKING

The Shiraz blocks were harvested over numerous weeks from February 27th through to March 20th. Each batch was separately destemmed into an open top fermenter where it was native yeast fermented for 10-12 days on skins with hand pumpovers employed twice daily. The musts were pressed and a portion of each lot was set aside in stainless tank to create this Zeitgeist blend. Following settling, the young wine was bottled in mid June, without sulphur dioxide, to capture the vibrancy and primacy of the vintage.

TASTING NOTES

2020 Zeitgeist Shiraz is deep purple-black in colour. Aromatics leap from the glass with a fresh grapey bouquet of ripe plum, cinnamon spice, blackberry jam, violets and perfume. The palate is full-bodied and full-flavoured. It is fresh and bright with depth and intensity. Rich blue and black fruits dominate. Smooth and rich, it has underlying chalky grape tannins adding structure. The wine shows youthful energy and inherent harmony throughout. It has an extremely lengthy finish, with the expressive fruit purity lingering for a long time. A strikingly complex wine for the age, Zeitgeist is enjoyable now with its primal characters but is powerful enough to cellar.

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Zeitgeist Shiraz... Diverse selection of Shiraz from Kalleske farm... untouched by time, oak or non-grape additives... capturing the spirit and character of vintage 2020.



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