



2018 KALLESKE JOHANN GEORG SHIRAZ

Johann Georg Shiraz is a single vineyard wine produced from an ancient vineyard on our Kalleske estate at Greenock, in the North-Western Barossa Valley. The vineyard was planted in 1875 and the gnarly, dry-grown vines produce extremely low yields. As this wine is from the oldest vineyard on our Kalleske farm, it is a fitting tribute to name the wine in honour of the first Kalleske to migrate to Australia. Johann Georg Kalleske migrated from Prussia to South Australia in 1838 aboard the Prince George. Johann's descendants now meticulously tend the Johann Georg vineyard planted two centuries ago. An amazing wine, produced in tiny quantities and destined for long term cellaring, Johann Georg Shiraz is truly something special.

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

This vineyard was planted in 1875 and produces very low yields of around one tonne per acre from old, gnarly, dry grown vines. The top soil is sandy with excellent clay subsoil.

WINEMAKING

The ancient Shiraz vines were hand-picked on March 23rd and the grapes destemmed into a small open top fermenter. The grapes were fermented for fourteen days where a heading down screen was employed to submerge the skins throughout the fermentation ensuring gentle colour and flavour extraction. The must was pressed and immediately filled to new and seasoned French oak hogsheads. The wine was matured for two years prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

2018 Johann Georg Shiraz is deep red-black in colour.

Alive with aromatics, the nose is filled with floral perfume, dark berries, cedar, nutmeg and an attractive savoury jus. There's also dark chocolate and a hint of coffee.

The palate displays perfect balance. It is full bodied with powerful flavours and intensity but maintaining poise. Black fruits are complexed with fine barrel ferment characters. It has a viscous mouthfeel counterposed with a vein of graceful natural tannins throughout. This is a replete wine, no gaps, distinguished, completed with a long-lasting finish. 2018 Johann is a superb Shiraz that will ultimately benefit from a decade or two in the cellar.



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

