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## 2021 KALLESKE FORDSON ZINFANDEL

In 1853, the Kalleske vineyard and farm was established at Greenock in the Barossa's North-West. For 97 years horses were used to work the vineyard and land. This changed in 1950 when a new type of horse-power arrived on the property, a 'Fordson' Major tractor. The Fordson soon became a valuable and integral part of vineyard and farm activities. Fordson Zinfandel (a.k.a. Primitivo) is a single vineyard wine that's been grown, vintaged and matured on the Kalleske property. Vigilant grapegrowing combined with traditional winemaking and maturation in seasoned French and American oak hogsheads has resulted in a flavoursome varietal Zinfandel displaying classic structure and richness typical of the Kalleske vineyard.

### GROWING SEASON

Vintage 2021 was an exemplary year with fine wines and good yields. Growing season rainfall was marginally below average and temperatures were mild ensuring vine canopies remained healthy. Vintage weather was absolutely perfect throughout, with dry mild-warm days and cool nights ensuring even and steady ripening across all varieties. There is strong colour and flavour across all the reds along with excellent structure and balance whilst the whites are bright, fresh and elegant.

### VINEYARD

Fordson is a single vineyard Zinfandel from the Kalleske property. The hand-pruned vines are low-yielding and are grown in shallow, sandy loam soil over superb deep red clay.

### WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested on March 19th and pressed ten days later, with pumpovers employed twice daily whilst on skins. Following pressing the wine was matured in seasoned hogsheads for a year prior to bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

2021 Fordson Zinfandel is deep crimson in colour. The aromatics are super bright and exquisitely inviting. There is classic liquorice strap, blackberry jam, clove spice, raspberry and flowers. It's very powerful and enticing. The palate is full-bodied with intense ripe red and black berry fruits. It is so juicy with an attractive plushness giving a smooth background to the rich flavours. Only gently emerging at the end, the natural tannins are soft, allowing the luminous varietal fruits to shine full. This is an expressive and strong varietal wine that is completed with a very lingering finish. Approachable and fruit forward, Fordson Zinfandel can be enjoyed now or over the next five years.



This wine is Certified Organic/Biodynamic  
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