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BAROSSA VALLEY



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## 2022 KALLESKE DODGER TEMPRANILLO



Our Kalleske vineyard and farm was established at Greenock in the Barossa's North-West in 1853. Since the early 1900s, the 'dodger' has been indispensable in the vineyard. The vine dodger is a mechanical weeder that removes weeds from around the vines whilst dodging the vines themselves. In the early years the dodger was pulled by a horse and steered by hand and then in the 1960s the horse was replaced by a tractor. Fundamentally the dodger hasn't changed much and today it is still used to naturally control the weeds in our vineyards. Dodger Tempranillo is a single vineyard wine that's been grown, vintaged and matured on our Kalleske property. Vigilant grapegrowing, traditional winemaking and maturation in seasoned French oak hogsheads has resulted in a sophisticated, medium bodied Tempranillo displaying classic structure and varietal expression typical of our Kalleske vineyard.

### GROWING SEASON

The 2022 vintage was excellent. Winter was significantly wetter than average getting the vines off to a brilliant start leading into Spring which was cool with median rainfall. Summer was mild and dry apart from rain on the last day. Autumn remained mild with generally perfect mid-20s weather combined with cool nights ensuring steady even ripening across all varieties. The 2022 yields were good and the quality is great, a classic Barossa vintage displaying rich flavours with fine balance.

### VINEYARD

The single-vineyard Dodger Tempranillo block is the newest variety on the Kalleske property. The hand-pruned vines are low-yielding and are grown in sandy loam soil with quartz and ironstone over deep red clay.

### WINEMAKING

The grapes were picked on March 10th 2022 and then destemmed into an open top fermenter. The must was wild-fermented for 8 days with pump-overs twice daily. After pressing off skins the Tempranillo was filled to seasoned French oak hogsheads where it underwent natural malolactic fermentation in barrel. Dodger matured in barrel for 1 year prior to bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

2022 Dodger Tempranillo is ruby-red in colour. The aroma is lifted with energetic varietal characters of cedar, earth, raisins, tomato leaf, brandied cherries, nutmeg, tobacco and leather. Its dynamism is captivating. The palate is medium bodied with prominent red fruits and savoury notes. Natural tannins provide a chewy dryness, light grip, and defined structure. Towards the end dark berries take control, together with a rustic edge, leading to a very long finish. Dodger can be enjoyed now or over the next eight years.



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