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2025 FLORENTINE CHENIN BLANC

This single vineyard Chenin Blanc, sourced from mature vines on our Kalleske farm, is a vibrant fruit-driven wine. These old vines are one of the few remaining Chenin blanc vineyards in the Barossa. Grapes were harvested in the cool night and gently pressed for fermentation to provide a naturally varietal yet complex wine. It gains its name from Caroline 'Florentine' Kalleske, the first daughter of Johann Georg Kalleske who migrated to Australia from Prussia in 1838. Florentine is a genuine hand crafted wine that's been grown, vintaged and matured on our Kalleske estate at Greenock in the North-Western Barossa.

GROWING SEASON

The 2025 vintage has delivered wines of exceptional quality, destined to rank among the finest. This warm and dry year was punctuated by significant growing season frosts, with rainfall from Winter through Summer reaching only two-thirds of the average. Two major frosts in September set the tone for a challenging yet rewarding season. Spring temperatures were 1 degree above average, while Summer was 2 degrees higher. The combination of warmth, dry conditions, and lower yields resulted in the earliest start and finish to vintage since our winemaking journey began in 2002. These steady ripening conditions ensured the vines remained healthy, producing grapes of outstanding quality and the resultant 2025 wines stand firmly in the upper echelon.

VINEYARD

Florentine is from a single vineyard of Chenin Blanc on the Kalleske property that was planted in 1988. The vines are low yielding and soil is red brown earth with clay subsoil.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested on March 18th and pressed seven days later, with pump-overs employed twice daily whilst on skins in an open-top fermenter. Following pressing the wine was matured in seasoned hogsheads for a year prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

2025 Florentine shines a pale straw colour.

Its lifted bouquet bursts with fresh apple, quince, chamomile tea, zesty lime, and a delicate touch of cut grass.

The palate is supple yet vibrant, brimming with juicy fruit. Lively citrus and succulent stone fruit carry through, while a fine mineral thread adds poise to the rounded texture. Pure, varietal and fruit-driven, this beautifully balanced wine lingers with a long, clean finish.

Delightful in its youth, Florentine will also reward cellaring for a decade or more.

