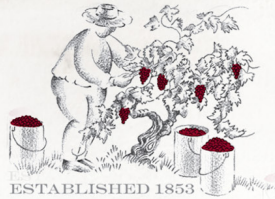


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## 2025 DODGER TEMPRANILLO

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 has resulted in a sophisticated, medium bodied Tempranillo displaying classic structure and varietal expression.

### 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

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 21st, 2025, and then destemmed into an open top fermenter. The must was wild-fermented for 7 days on skins with twice daily pump-overs. 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 a year prior to bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

2025 Dodger Tempranillo is a vibrant purple-red in colour. Aromatically it is bright and lifted, showing strawberry, cherry and fig, layered with nuances of rhubarb, garden herbs, cedar, tomato leaf and spice. The palate sits in the light to medium-bodied spectrum, driven by juicy red fruits throughout. Fine, natural tannins provide a firm yet balanced structure, giving a refreshing dry edge, while bright acidity enhances freshness and drinkability. True to varietal form, this is a focused, finely poised wine with impressive finesse. It finishes long and velvety. Drinking superbly now, it will also cellar gracefully over the next eight years.