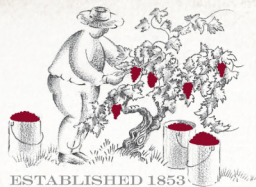


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2015 KALLESKE JOHANN GEORG SHIRAZ

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

Vintage 2015 produced excellent wines. It began with a wet Winter followed by a very dry growing season with less than half the average rainfall. Spring was warmer than average leading to an earlier budburst and early vintage. Summer brought average temperatures, ensuring the dry conditions were not stressful to the vines, and a slow even ripening ensued. Quality is brilliant, certainly one of the highlights in recent years.

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 12th and the grapes destemmed into a small open top fermenter. The grapes were fermented for eleven days on skins where hand pumpovers were employed twice daily. 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

Johann 2015 is dark red-purple in colour. Freely emanating from the glass are inviting and complex aromatics. Dark cherries, dried fig and licorice are complemented with savoury cured meats, cedar and crushed herbs. The palate is sophisticated and brooding. Richly layered with dark fruits and ample generosity. These ripe black fruits are aptly balanced with smart oak and bright natural acidity. Tannins are pronounced but extremely fine and integrated adding structure and liveliness. Completing this distinguished ancient vine Shiraz is an incredibly long finish. 2015 Johann is a superb wine that will ultimately benefit from a decade or two in the cellar.



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