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2023 GREENOCK SHIRAZ

Greenock Shiraz is a single vineyard wine produced from low yielding Shiraz vines on the Kalleske estate at Greenock, in the North-Western Barossa Valley. Cuttings for these vines originate from a vineyard planted on the property in the late 1800s. Today, sixth and seventh generation family members meticulously tend the vines. Traditional winemaking and maturation in American and French oak hogsheads has ensured a complex, full-bodied Shiraz which will reward long term cellaring. Greenock Shiraz is a true family estate wine - grown, vintaged and matured on the Kalleske estate.

GROWING SEASON

Vintage 2023 has produced exceptional wines. It was the longest and latest on record, stretching from mid-March to early-May. The vines got off to a superb start with a wet and cool Spring providing plenty of sub-soil moisture for the growing season ahead. Summer brought typically average temperatures and was generally dry with occasional finite rain. The vines were in fantastic condition for slow and steady ripening into Autumn with its mild days, cool nights, and isolated light rain. Yields from 2023 are good and quality is excellent.

VINEYARD

Kalleske Greenock Shiraz vineyard is located on the Western edge of Greenock Creek in the Northern Barossa Valley. The vineyard consists of shallow, sandy loam soil over superb deep red clay and limestone, providing ideal conditions for Shiraz vines.

WINEMAKING

The "Greenock" block of grapes was harvested on April 18th. After picking, the grapes were destemmed into open top fermenters. They were fermented warm with hand pump-overs twice a day for 8 days on skins prior to pressing. After pressing off skins the wine was filled to a mix of 30% new and the balance used American and French oak hogsheads. The wine completed primary fermentation and underwent natural malolactic fermentation in barrel. The wine was matured in barrel for fourteen months prior to bottling

TASTING NOTES

The 2023 Greenock Shiraz presents a deep, inky black hue, setting the stage for its bold character. On the nose, it is immediately captivating, offering an enticing bouquet of dark plum, Christmas pudding, toasty oak, mocha, exotic spices, and a subtle hint of molasses.

The palate is rich and full-bodied, delivering a powerful burst of concentrated dark berry flavours. The natural tannins are finely textured and velvety, seamlessly integrated into the wine's structure. Judicious oak complements the lush fruit, adding depth and complexity. The finish is pure and lingering, with a touch of minerality, completing a sophisticated wine of impeccable balance. While this Shiraz is an enjoyable drink now, the 2023 Greenock is a refined and classy Barossa Shiraz with the potential to evolve beautifully over time and it promises a long and rewarding cellaring future.