

# WINESTATE

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND WINE BUYING GUIDE



## PIRATHON BY KALLESKE SHIRAZ 2006

**Top Wine  
of Category**



A powerful, generous wine with delightful varietal fruit intensity combined seamlessly with some amazing oak, lively acid and warming alcohol. An excellent and faultless wine. Enjoy!

... Winestate Magazine, New Release Tasting, July/ August 2008.



## WINEWISE

THE CONSUMER'S WINE GUIDE

## PIRATHON By Kalleske SHIRAZ 2006

**HIGHLY  
RECOMMENDED**

A beautifully lush, ripe red which is absolutely true to its north-west Barossa origins. The blackberry-licorice overtones have a lot of appeal and the palate is satisfyingly mouthfilling. Excellent Value.



Lester Jesberg, Winewise, Volume 24, Number 2, June 2008.

## THE WINE FRONT

INDEPENDENT WINE JOURNALISM. ESTABLISHED MAY 2002. BIAS AUSTRALIAN, TEMPER INTERNATIONAL.

## PIRATHON BY KALLESKE SHIRAZ 2006

**92 Points**

There's a lot of coffee and chocolate-like flavour here, most of it coming from rather assertive oak. Don't let that put you off though because there's so much rich, luscious, mouthfilling fruit flavour here that it's quite difficult to believe that this is a sub \$25 red. Big, smooth and generous, this would make for excellent mid-winter red wine drinking.



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## PIRATHON BY KALLESKE SHIRAZ 2006



**GOLD MEDAL**

**92 Points**



# THE Courier

## Pirathon by Kalleske Shiraz 2006

... "the pinnacle", describing what Barossa does best – shiraz... the wines were matured in American, French, Russian and Hungarian oak hogsheads. Dark red, with a fragrant bouquet, this is a full bodied red with integrated tannins. Deserves a steak.

Ross Noble, *The Courier*, Wednesday, April 30, 2008



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## PIRATHON SHIRAZ

2006 **4.5  
Points**

According to the Kalleske family, Pirathon is an ancient word for pinnacle and shiraz is the Barossa Valley's top grape variety.

Certainly, this voluptuous new red from the valley's northwest is a long way above base camp. It's rich and full, but not out of control regarding alcohol, oak or tannin.

It's very impressive and value for money.



Paddy Kendler, *Herald Sun*, April 22, 2008

winewithoutwank.com.au

## PIRATHON SHIRAZ 2006



**Quality:** Very Good,  
**Value:** Above Average,  
**Looks:** Inky black and quite thick looking,  
**Smells:** Lovely plummy fruit that gives way to a savoury spicey tone,  
**Feels:** Full bodied - verging on thick!  
**Tastes:** Wow, what an impact this has!

Jets into your mouth with vibrant plum and cherry fruit, and lovely choc and coffee coating. Nice savoury tones and a long long finish with nice black pepper.

Tannins are soft and velvety, but are there enough to make a really nice mouthfeel - verging on chewiness. This wine is a cracker, fair and simple.

Ian Robertson, *Corker of the Week*,  
www.winewithoutwank.com.au, 15 April 2008



## Pirathon by Kalleske Shiraz 2006

Rating: ★★★★★

Nick's Wine Merchants

**95 Points**



Troy Kalleske... Parker commenting on the talented young winemaker "he appears to have a talent for turning out magnificently concentrated, full throttle reds that are indigenous to the top echelon of Southern Australian producers" and "an up and coming superstar estate that merits considerable attention".

The name Pirathon is an ancient term meaning Pinnacle, and the aim of winemaker Troy Kalleske wine is to showcase Barossa's pinnacle Shiraz sub districts located in North Western Barossa - Greenock, Moppa, Belvedere, Stonewell, Seppeltsfield, Koonunga and Ebenezer. Each sub districts terrior contributing it's own dimension to the final wine. The parcels of fruit are kept separate during the winemaking process with maturation in a combination of new and seasoned American, French, Russian and Hungarian oak hogsheads for 24 months. The wine is then bottled without fining or filtration.

Outstanding black crimson purple colour, totally opaque with good cling to the wall. Perfumed top note blackberry, liquorice, confectionary and violets, showing strong varietal character. The structure is more refined than that of the '05 vintage. Flavours of vanilla, black pepper and blackberry are supported by fine dryish tannins over a mocha background. Aftertaste of vanilla and black pepper. Cellar 4-5 years (2012-2013)

Nick's Wine Merchants, What's Hot, [www.nick's.com.au](http://www.nick's.com.au), 18 March 2008

# The Independent Weekly

## PIRATHON by Kalleske SHIRAZ 2006

**92++  
Points**

The august Barons of the Barossa ordained Troy Kalleske as 2008 Winemaker of the Year. The Kalleske's are latter-day biodynamic and organic pioneers. Lutheran Pastors have tended to regard followers of Rudolph Steiner, the bio-D guru, as the anti-Christ, which is a bit silly. The Barossa used only the old natural spray remedies and composts til the uber-chemo epoch marched in with gardening by remote. Smelling of the scones and cream at an old railway station kiosk as much as your actual blackberries, this is delightful, clean, wholesome, healthy, hand-made black-as-sin shiraz from Kalleske's friends' vineyards.

Philip White, 11-17<sup>th</sup> April 2008



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## PIRATHON by Kalleske SHIRAZ 2006

**93 Points...**

Fabulous smelling wine packed with dark Barossan goodness and offering things like black fruit, dark chocolate, baking spices (nutmeg, cloves, all-spice), roses, tar and a little menthol lift. The oak is unobtrusive and beautifully folded into the wine. On the palate full bodied with rich black fruit, a little raspberry, dark chocolate and spicy flavours. It's smooth, ripe and long and enormously satisfying to drink. I think it's probably even better than the 2005...so perhaps I should score it higher.

Regardless, I'd recommend getting onto and into a bit of this gear without reservation.



**Gary Walsh,  
Winorama,  
30 March 2008**

# The Advertiser

## PIRATHON 2006 SHIRAZ

**95 points**

A broodingly deep, dark-red shiraz which shows cooler fruit in its blend of north-west valley sources; more layers unfold in the glass, starting with chocolatey characters in the nose before a fantastic structure in the mouth, fruit brightness and tannins in balance. Immensely drinkable and playful with lots of interest.

... Tony Love, The Advertiser, Wednesday,  
February 27, 2008

