

Pirathon by Kalleske Shiraz 2005

92 Points

This tastes like a wine of double the price. It's tight, tannic, almost ferrous in both its structure and flavour, shafts of ironstone keeping exuberant, high-octane, dark fruit flavour in sturdy check. It's a warm, generous, tasty package, and the flavour lingers brilliantly. Drink 2008-2012.

Campbell Mattinson
The Big Red Wine Book, 2008



BAROSSA'S BIG DOGS

93 POINTS

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Joe Czerwinski, Barossa Big Dogs
The Wine Enthusiast, 1 November 2007



The ENTHUSIAST 100

PIRATHON 2005 SHIRAZ

NAMED No. 13 TOP 100 WINES WORLDWIDE 2007

93 Points

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Sydney International Wine Competition 2008

Blue-Gold Award

PIRATHON 2005 SHIRAZ



Blue-Gold indicates that the entry, when judged alongside appropriate food, was pointed into approximately the top 10% of the Total Entry.





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**PIRATHON
2005
SHIRAZ**

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Wednesday
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**90
points**

2005

Pirathon Shiraz

Pirathon is a new brand owned by wine enthusiast Stephen Ho and winemaker Troy Kalleske. The fruit is sourced from the Greenock Creek area to make this regional Shiraz. The 2005 Pirathon is opaque purple with an expressive perfume of toast, mineral, plum, and blueberry.



Full-bodied, it offers layered sweet fruit, a firm

Jay Miller, Robert Parker's
The Wine Advocate, October 2007



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Barossa Valley Shiraz
2005**

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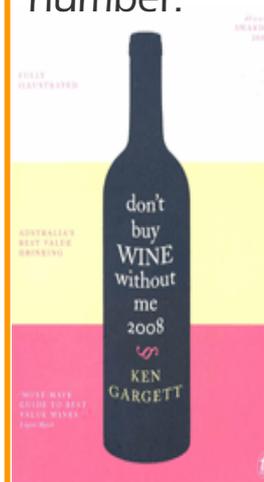
Here's an accessible way to shoehorn some Troy Kalleske genius into your list. It's a big boy, with 15% alcohol and layers of plush, voluptuous fruit. Add a classy, heavy bottle and very funky label and the price doesn't look at all right.

Tyson Stelzer, WBM 100, October 2007

This is made by Troy Kalleske, one of the Barossa's young superstar winemakers. It doesn't qualify for the Kalleske badge, which adorns wines made from estate-grown grapes—these were bought in—but it has the magic touch just the same. It is a delicious, bold, chocolatey number.



**Ken Gargett,
Don't Buy Wine
Without Me
2008**



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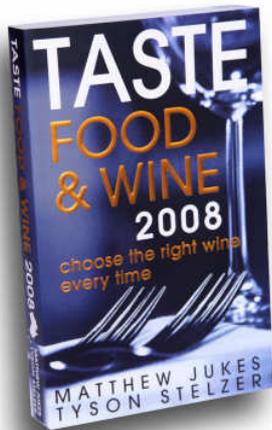


Pirathon
Barossa
Shiraz 2005

*The Best Wines
of
2008*



When you've mastered the marathon, triathlon, heptathlon and decathlon you will almost have the physical stamina required to face Pirathon. Lifting the very classy and ultra-heavy bottle is your first endurance test. The second is lifting this concentrated 15% alcohol juice to your mouth. But when you get it there, the endorphin rush will overshadow every highlight of your months of training, as every crevice of your body is subsumed into the warm, plush, voluptuous depths of Pirathon. Troy Kalleske has exerted himself beyond the realms of human capabilities to create a very senior wine that looks, feels and tastes like it's worth twice as much as its puny price



PIRATHON
BAROSSA SHIRAZ
2005



... fruit selected from the most sacred Barossa spots, Read Greenock, Moppa, Belvidere, Stonewell, Ebenezer, Seppeltsfield and Koonunga. It's a stunning black wholesome brute, slick and slurpy as all get out already.

ADELAIDE
The Independent Weekly
46,000 SA newspaper and online readers*

...Philip White, The Independent Weekly, September 29-October 5, 2007



Pirathon
Barossa Shiraz
2005

GOLD MEDAL

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INTERNATIONAL WINE SHOW 2007

Made by Kalleske from a number of Barossa sites... is all class and finesse. Beautifully fine tannins, sweet toasted oak, purple and black fruits, chocolate,

nutmeg and black pepper spice- it's multi-layered and complex with texture and power.



Pirathon Barossa Shiraz 2005

Quality: Good.

Looks: Dark purple black, and pretty darn big looking!

Smells: Ripe plummy spicy - hmmm...

Feels: Heavy!



Tastes: **Jumps into your mouth like a freight train** - full of dark cooked cherry and plums. **The oak is playing a nice supporting role** - it is there, but you certainly don't begrudge its role! **Tannins are soft and silky, length is long** and introduce a lovely olive tapanade flavour. The only thing holding this wine back from a bigger score from me is a slightly prickly alcoholic heat that sits out of the wine - but having said that, there are many I know who will not care a jot. And I certainly drank it all!

... Ian Robertson, Wine Without Wank, August 2007



Pirathon Shiraz 2005

Beautiful packaging this wine with a big heavy bottle that caused me to expel a fair bit of carbon dioxide carrying the bugger home. Shame about the cork closure though. It's made by T & T Kalleske and showcases low yielding vineyards from the NW Barossa districts of Greenock, Moppa, Belvedere, Stonewell, Seppeltsfield, Koonunga and Ebenezer. A veritable United Nations of oak is used including American, French, Russian and Hungarian hogsheads. I'd like to see a bit less of it mind you but that's just my tastes. Aromas of plum, raspberry, coffee jar, cocoa, coal dust, licorice and mint with dill weed and vanilla oak. On the palate flavours of plum, raspberry, cocoa, spice, coal dust and wood. Smooth and supple with no heaviness or heat and lovely powder fine tannins. Finishes long with a vanilla dusted plum and spice aftertaste.

This is authentic Barossa shiraz with depth, complexity and integrity at a bargain price.

Rated : **93 Points**. Drink : 2007 – 2017.

... Gary Walsh, Winorama, July 2007



Pirathon 2005 Shiraz

All wines with the Kalleske label are produced from estate grown fruit, and as the grapes for this wine been brought in, it has been made under a new label. According to the bump that came with the wine, pirathon is an ancient word for pinnacle and according to Troy Kalleske, the north-west Barossa, where the grapes for this wine grown, is the pinnacle sub-appellation for Shiraz. Now whether you believe that or not is immaterial, it's what's in the bottle that is important.

The bouquet exudes delightful floral aromatics with plums, milk chocolate and hints of incense. A very solid, credibly constructed, clean, full-bodied wine, where the pure fruit is framed by abundant, dusty tannins. Black plum/ cherry, aniseed, dark chocolate and spicy oak flavours finish with excellent persistence and length. An arched typical, traditional, masculine, Barossa Shiraz with a modern twist, whilst it is drinkable now, it should hit its peak drinking window around 2010 and beyond.

Rated as **Highly Recommended** with **** for value, **this is sensational buying and close to the pirathon of value.**

... Ric Einstein, TorbWine, July 2007

THE WINE FRONT
**TOP 101
RED WINES
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BEST REDS UNDER \$30

**Pirathon By Kalleske
Shiraz 2005**

There's a biting, ferrous, drastic tightness to the finish of this wine, which attached to such an exuberant, ripe, high-octane palate makes for a very tasty package. This is a warm, juicy, generous shiraz with a noticeably mineral heart and a good deal of red fruit flavour – you'd swear that there was some grenache in this. It lingers beautifully. It's got me won over.

Drink: 2007- 2012. **91 points**.

... Campbell Mattinson, Top 101 Red Wines of 2007, The Winefront Red Album, 2007

**2007 CAIRNS SHOW
WINE AWARDS**

**Pirathon by Kalleske
Shiraz 2005**



**EQUAL
TOP
WINE
OF
SHOW**



GOLD MEDAL WINE

2005 KALLESKE PIRATHON SHIRAZ

A Full Bodied Opulent Barossa Valley Shiraz

RATING: 96 VALUE: ★★★★★

Troy Kalleske burst onto the scene several years ago with his inaugural releases receiving rave reviews from wine critics around the world including influential US critic Robert Parker who lavished praise and near perfect scores on his wines, instantaneously creating a new cult following. 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". Whilst another critic hailed the Kalleske brand as "the most exciting new brand from the Barossa in 20 years".

A top example of an opulent full bodied Barossa Shiraz.

The Pirathon is an exciting new project for Troy Kalleske with the fruit being sourced from various growers located throughout the North Western Barossa district, rather than from his own vineyards. The wine has been matured for 2 years in a combination of French, Russian, Hungarian and American oak. The variety of oak and vineyard sources adding complexity to the final blend. Totally opaque black crimson colour with black crimson hue. Lifted nose of violets, perfumed – followed by liquorice allsorts and spice. The palate has excellent weight and mouthfeel. Flavours of liquorice, vanilla, cedar and plum are supported by a touch of confectionary on the back palate and fine grained tannins. Excellent length and depth. Aftertaste of liquorice, vanilla, cedar, plum and spice. Cellar 3-4 years (2010-2011).

... Nick Chlebnikowski & co., Nicks Newsletter No. 315, June 2007

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Australia's Wine Business Magazine



Pirathon by Kalleske Shiraz 2005...

Presentation: Artistic and tactile label. Great contemporary look and feel.

Wine Style: Dark high-cocoa chocolate aromas. Fresh and vibrant, a full style with great mouthfeel and fine tannin structure.

Value for money: A bargain – could even charge \$30.

Summing up: Sets the standard for a \$25 bottle.

"Pirathon by Kalleske at \$25 puts serious pressure on the other wines at that price point."

... The Wine Clinic, Australian Wine Business Magazine, June 2007

the australian wine centre forum

PIRATHON by Kalleske 2005 Shiraz



This wine is a dark black red in colour with a tight nose full of concentrated aromas of plums, dark fruits, blackberries: spices and licorice. The nose is jam packed full of fruit, and opens up slightly at the many talents. The palate does the same. It starts off not yielding too much, and then slowly opens up in the glass, showing a layer upon layer of dark fruits, berries, spices and touches of cedar. The wine keeps opening up more and more showing **great complexity, structure and length** as it evolves. This wine will handsomely repay cellaring, although it can be enjoyed now. **Serious Kalleske Shiraz**, at a less than serious price.

Terrific wine.

... The Auswine panel, June 2007