



PIRATHON  
by KALLESKE

BAROSSA VALLEY

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## PIRATHON by Kalleske SHIRAZ 2007



Pirathon is an ancient word for pinnacle and we believe Shiraz is the pinnacle grape of the Barossa and that the north-western Barossa is the pinnacle sub-appellation for Shiraz. Pirathon Shiraz is a full bodied wine encompassing the great flavour, texture and structure of the north-western Barossa. Higher altitude, gullies, hills, slopes, and undulations provide different topographies, microclimates and individualistic parcels of grapes with unique flavours and characters from their own site. We work with dedicated high quality growers in the north-western Barossa, many of whom have been growing grapes here for generations. Pirathon Shiraz showcases and celebrates the pinnacle north-western Barossa region and pinnacle Barossa grape with a complex and distinguished wine.

*Troy Kalleske, Winemaker*

### *Growing Season:*

2007 was a drought affected vintage with a warm growing season and one of the driest winters on record. Intermittent summer rainfall refreshed the vines and enabled them to remain remarkably vibrant and take them through to ripening and harvest. The drought conditions resulted in reduced yields by about thirty percent but importantly quality from 2007 is very good.

### *Vineyard:*

The grapes were harvested from the low-yielding vineyards of traditional family growers in the north-western Barossa districts of Greenock, Moppa, Belvedere, Stonewell, Seppeltsfield, Koonunga and Ebenezer. Each vineyard adds its own exclusive dimension to Pirathon Shiraz and combined they produce the ultimate blend.

### *Winemaking:*

The wine was entirely vintaged at the Kalleske winery at Greenock by Tony & Troy Kalleske. Following harvest, each individual lot of grapes was crushed into a separate open top fermenter. During fermentation, hand pump-overs gently extracted colour and flavour from the grapes. The fermented grapes were pressed with a traditional basket press. The wines were then filled to new and seasoned American, French, Russian and Hungarian oak hogsheads for maturation for almost two years before each lot of wine was raked from the barrel and carefully blended. The wine was bottled without fining or filtration, ensuring the true expression of the vineyards in the bottle.

### *Tasting Notes:*

Pirathon Shiraz 2007 is deep red-purple in colour. The bouquet is uplifting with perfume, spice, tobacco, chocolate and wild berry. The palate is rich and complex with mouthfilling fruit and classy barrel maturation characters. This wine is full-bodied with a chewy texture, layered structure and integrated round tannins. The length is very generous and completes a rich harmoniously balanced wine. Pirathon is a paramount expression of north-western Barossa Shiraz that will reward time in the cellar.