

# PIRATHON

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BAROSSA VALLEY  
Vintage 2012

SHIRAZ



## 2012 PIRATHON by Kalleske SHIRAZ

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

Vintage 2012 was a fantastic year. The wines from 2012 are outstanding and up there with 2010 and 2002 as the best wines to come out of our Kalleske winery. Vintage 2012 began with a good growing season of moderate rainfall and normal temperatures. Summer and Autumn were perfect with generally warm sunny days and only a few heat periods but nothing extreme. The weather was generally dry with an occasional shower of rain refreshing the vines. The perfect mid-high 20s weather ensured the grapes ripened steadily and evenly producing outstanding quality.

### 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 press. The wines were then filled to new and seasoned American, French, Russian and Hungarian oak hogsheads for maturation for eighteen months before each lot of wine was racked from the barrel and carefully blended. The wine was bottled without fining, ensuring the true expression of the vineyards in the bottle.

### TASTING NOTES

Pirathon Shiraz 2012 is dark purple-black in colour. The perfumed bouquet is uplifting and indicative of a complex wine with aromas of blackberry, plum, blueberry, rose perfume, chocolate, subtle oak and a hint of spice. The full-bodied palate is rich and mouthfilling with plenty of ripe dark fruits. Background oak barrel characters compliment the bright fruit flavours. There are fine integrated tannins giving the wine a solid structure. This is an extremely balanced Shiraz with fruit, oak and tannin working together to provide harmony. A very lengthy finish completes a powerful but opulent wine. Pirathon is a paramount expression of north-western Barossa Shiraz that will reward time in the cellar for 5-10 years.

