

PIRATHON

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BAROSSA VALLEY
Vintage 2010

SHIRAZ



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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

2010 was an outstanding vintage – one of the best of the decade. It was a steady vintage with ideal warm Autumn days and cool nights. Fruit ripened perfectly, was picked at optimum time and brilliant wine has resulted. Truly a standout vintage.

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 or filtration, ensuring the true expression of the vineyards in the bottle.

TASTING NOTES

Pirathon Shiraz 2010 is dark purple-black in colour. The perfumed bouquet is uplifting with bright aromas of blueberry, nutmeg spice, musk, juicy fruits, plum and rose perfume. The serious and complex palate is mouth-filling with generous dark fruit and balanced oak barrel characters. There are fine integrated tannins giving the wine a solid structure. Overall, the pure varietal fruit, plush oak and rounded tannins give the wine beautiful harmony. A very persistent finish completes a powerful, yet sophisticated wine. Pirathon is a paramount expression of north-western Barossa Shiraz that will reward time in the cellar.

PREVIOUS VINTAGES

2009 Top wine under \$30 'The Edinburgh Great Shiraz Challenge' (People's Choice) // **5 Stars**, Tony Love // 93 Points, Nick Stock.

2008 Gold Medal: Selections Mondiales Des Vins, Canada, 2010 // 94 Points, James Halliday.

2007 'Australia's Best Shiraz' & 'Barossa's Best Shiraz' Trophy: International Wine Competition, London, 2009.

2006 Gold Medal: Selections Mondiales Des Vins, Canada, 2008 // **5 Stars & 'Top Wine of Category'**: WineState, Jul/Aug 2008.

2005 Top 100 Wines World Wide (no.13): Wine Enthusiast, Nov 2007 // **Blue-Gold Award:** Sydney International Wine Competition, 2008.