

PIRATHON

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BAROSSA VALLEY
Vintage 2013

SHIRAZ



2013 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 2013 was a great quality year. However, yields were very low as a result of a very dry season, with less than half the normal growing season rainfall. It was also warmer than average with the dry and warm conditions resulting in vintage being three weeks earlier than normal. Importantly though, quality was amazing. Wines are rich, mouthfilling and extremely lengthy.

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 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 2013 is deep magenta-black with purple hues. The bouquet is lifted with concentrated aromas of black plum, brambly fruit, chocolate, figs, fruit cake, kirsch and toasty oak with cardamom and clove spice. The palate is very generous, big, full-bodied and richly flavoured with complex upfront ripe dark fruits. This intense fruit is supported by apparent but not intrusive oak. The wine has a robust structure with natural fine chalky tannins and a true spine of acidity holding it together. Very harmonious, a lengthy finish completes this solid wine that's full of life. This is an extremely balanced Shiraz with fruit, oak and tannin working together. Pirathon is a paramount expression of north-western Barossa Shiraz that will reward time in the cellar for 5-10 years.