



## 2022 Plenarius Viognier

Variety: 100% Viognier

Region: Barossa Valley

Vine Age: 1960s and newer

Soil: Sandy with Clay Subsoil

Viticulture: Organic & Biodynamic

Fermentation: Open / Wild

Elevage: On skins for 10 days, hogsheads for 11 months

Alc: 12.5%

The 2022 Plenarius is rich gold in colour with a bronze tint. It is brilliantly lifted with floral perfume, apricot jam, and butterscotch, as well as sugared almonds, ginger spice, fresh hops and honey.

## THE WINE

The 2022 vintage was excellent. Winter was significantly wetter than average getting the vines off to a brilliant start leading into a cool spring with median rainfall. Summer was mild and dry, and autumn remained mild with generally perfect mid-20s weather combined with cool nights ensuring steady even ripening across all varieties. The 2022 yields were good and the quality is great, a classic Barossa vintage displaying rich flavours with fine balance.

The rich and sweet aromatics continue to the palate where the dry natural tannins bring line and structure to balance the affluence. It is a vastly flavoured wine with intense ripe white fruits throughout. There is an underlying oily roundness countered by a background of grainy minerality. This is a multi-dimensional wine with great dynamism and completed with a lengthy finish. It is a very engaging Viognier with its complex mesh of aromas, flavours and textures providing a provocative and enchanting drink.

## THE WINERY

In South Australia's Barossa Valley, the Kalleske family have been farming and growing grapes since 1853 near the village of Greenock. After six generations of growing grapes, winemaker and seventh generation family member, Troy Kalleske, together with his brother, Tony, established Kalleske winery and made the first 'Kalleske' wine. The 120 acre vineyard is planted to Shiraz, Grenache, Cabernet Sauvignon, Semillon, Chenin Blanc, Mataro, Petit Verdot, Durif, Viognier, Tempranillo, and Zinfandel. Vines vary in age with the oldest remaining vineyard dating back to 1875. The vineyard is low yielding with grapes grown organically and biodynamically and the winery is also certified organic/biodynamic in Australia.

