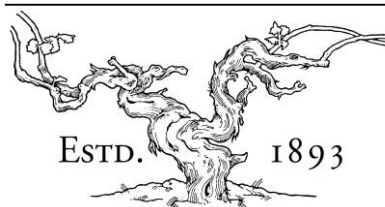


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KAESLER OLD VINE SHIRAZ 2002

Ninety Five points, James Halliday 2006
Ninety Three points, Robert Parker Jr. 2004
Outstanding, Winewise Magazine April 2005

The Old Vine is a blend of three vineyards, The North/South, East/West and Old Vine Vineyards. The 2002 was exceptional for all types of wine. The relationship between one of coolest and one of the driest years has created wines with power and finesse and capacity to age very well for up to 20 years.

The wine was fermented in stainless steel static fermenters then transferred to 80% new French oak barriques, and 20% second and third fill, where it completed its malo lactic fermentation. It was racked post MLF, and then returned to barrel. The wine was topped regularly with one racking at 14 months. The total maturation in oak was for 20 months.

The wine was bottled with no fining or filtration.

Colour: Purple and crimson with a thick, youthful edge.

Nose: Plum, blueberry, with lifted blackberry and black cherry. Secondary aromas of mocha, espresso and vanilla all from the oak offer added complexity.

Palate: As expected from the season, refined and centred. Excellent balance of tannin, acid and fruit with a very long palate and great vinosity with no one flavour dominating.

Notes: The use of 60% new oak has given the wine some oak characters on the nose, and additional extract on the palate, without compromising the texture and viscosity of the wine. This wine will age for up to 20 years and will benefit from decanting.

Comments: The 2002 is the most elegant of the Old Vines made to date.