

EPICUREAN WINES
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PART 1 - RECOMMENDED NEW RELEASES
(Primarily Barossa, McLaren VAle, and Clare Valley)

KAESLER
ESTABLISHED 1893

KAESLER	2005 OLD VINE CABERNET SAUVIGNON	BAROSSA VALLEY	(\$25.00)	RED	93
KAESLER	2005 GRENACHE THE FAVE	BAROSSA VALLEY	(44.00)	RED	89
KAESLER	2005 GSM AVIGNON	BAROSSA VALLEY	(\$27.00)	RED	90
KAESLER	2005 GSM STONEHORSE	BAROSSA VALLEY	(\$19.00)	RED	92
KAESLER	2005 SEMILLON OLD VINE	BAROSSA VALLEY	(\$15.00)	WHITE	90
KAESLER	2005 SHIRAZ THE BOGAN	BAROSSA VALLEY	(\$65.00)	RED	96
KAESLER	2004 SHIRAZ OLD BASTARD	BAROSSA VALLEY	(\$135.00)	RED	95
KAESLER	2005 SHIRAZ OLD VINE	BAROSSA VALLEY	(\$60.00)	RED	94
KAESLER	2005 SHIRAZ STONEHORSE	BAROSSA VALLEY	(\$27.00)	RED	92
KAESLER	2004 CABERNET SHIRAZ WOMS	BAROSSA VALLEY	(\$60.00)	RED	95
KAESLER	2005 VIOGNIER	BAROSSA VALLEY	(\$27.00)	WHITE	90

A terrific value in Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon (perhaps that region's most underrated varietal), Kaesler's **2005 Old Vine Cabernet** (100% Cabernet Sauvignon from 35-year-old vines) spent 14 months in one and two-year-old French oak. It possesses toasty, subtle pain grille aromas interwoven with scents of black currants, minerals, cigar smoke, and spice box. Fabulous intensity and length, medium to full body, an opulent palate, and good structure as well as definition suggest it should drink well for 10-12 years. The **2005 Grenache The Fave** (100% Grenache from 45-year old vines aged over 12 months in neutral wood) exhibits a Mediterranean-styled personality with hints of Provencal herbs, kirsch, licorice, pepper, and a resinous/forest character. Heady, medium-bodied, and spicy with a dry, angular finish, it is an excellent, possibly outstanding Grenache to consume over the next 4-5 years. The **2005 GSM Avignon**, a Provencal look-alike made from 41% Grenache, 40% Shiraz, and 19% Mourvedre aged 12 months in old French oak, reveals an attractive peppery, herbal, sweet cherry, and raspberry-scented bouquet with plenty of spice and cedar. Ripe, opulent, and full-bodied with a Mediterranean character, it will offer tremendous flexibility with a variety of cuisines. The Grenache and Mourvedre are from 70-year-old vines, and the Shiraz from 105-year-old vines. The **2005 GSM Stonehorse** (63% Grenache, 27% Shiraz, and 19% Mourvedre) exhibits a deep ruby/purple color as well as pure cassis, sweet black cherry, and raspberry notes, medium to full body, a restrained and elegant style, and fewer Provencal-like flavors. Drink this long, ripe, rich, impressive 2005 over the next 5-6 years.

The tank-aged **2005 Old Vine Semillon** (from 45-year old vines) reveals elegant, lemon blossom and Thai lemon grass notes intermixed with a waxy viscosity, good acidity as well as purity, and a full-bodied, fresh style. Drink it over the next two years. Aged in new and one-year-old American oak, and made in a completely different style, the **2005 Shiraz The Bogan** (from 25- to 105-year-old vines) is a dense purple-colored effort displaying an exuberant nose of toast, blackberries, cassis, cherries, and damp earth. It is full-bodied and powerful with fabulous purity and texture as well as a blockbuster finish. This is a classic example of Barossa Shiraz at its finest. Enjoy it over the next 12-15 years. Kaesler's icon cuvee is their **Shiraz Old Bastard**, produced from a single vineyard planted in 1896, and aged 22 months in 100% new French oak. The **2004** is a big yet remarkably elegant, deep purple-colored Shiraz offering notes of blueberries, black raspberries, and toasty oak, a superb texture, admirable richness, and a long, heady finish. There is plenty of tannin lurking beneath the cascade of fruit, glycerin, and extract. While accessible, it is too young to drink at present, and is meant to keep for 2-3 decades. Anticipated maturity: 2008-2025+. Moving up in price as well as quality, the **2005 Shiraz Old Vine** (45- to 105-years old) is an ageworthy, full-bodied, powerful, muscular Shiraz boasting plenty of tannin as well as structure, and a sweet perfume of creme de cassis, toasty oak, white flowers, and licorice. While accessible, this powerful red should keep for 10-15 years.