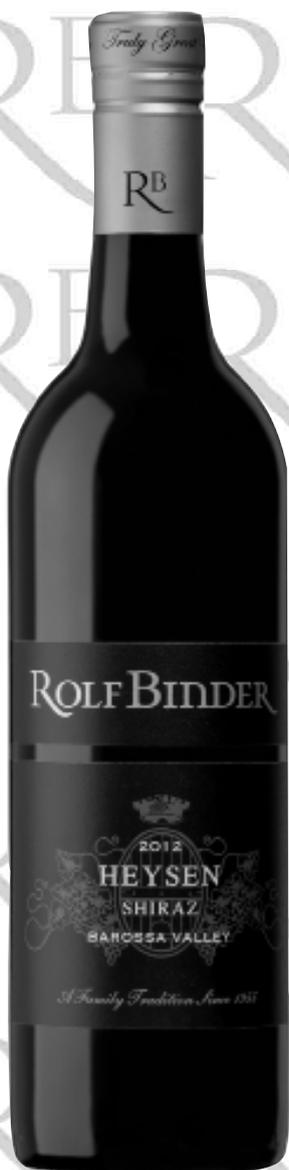




BAROSSA VALLEY



*Medium to full-bodied with plenty of ripe, seductive berry and spice flavors on the palate. A elegant Shiraz that benefits greatly from the small percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon to add complexity and richness.*

*Drink it now to 2025+.*

# 2012 Heysen Shiraz

*Winemaker: Rolf Binder.*

**One of the flagship wines from Rolf Binder. American wine critic, Robert Parker Junior, describes Rolf Binder as “one of my favourite wineries (whose) offerings are never excessively oaked, possess extraordinary ripe, concentrated fruit, great individuality”.**

Established as Veritas Winery in 1955 by Rolf Heinrich Binder, today second generation winemakers, Rolf Binder Junior and Christa Deans, are producing highly acclaimed wines using fruit from the family estate. Rolf focuses on making red wines, for which he has received world-wide acclaim, while Christa is recognised as one of the region's finest white wine makers.

#### **THE VINEYARDS:**

The famous Heysen Walking Trail forms the western border of the Rolf Binder Estate. Fruit for this wine is grown in the adjacent, low yielding Heysen vineyard where it develops intensely concentrated flavours.

#### **THE VINTAGE:**

A cool Spring, with appropriate rains meant the vines got away to a good, yet slightly slow, start. They grew well and set, on average, low to moderate crops. Low crops and healthy vines have meant that despite the cooler weather the grapes ripened quickly. The 2012 vintage was short and sharp, and one that produced wines of typical Barossa quality.

#### **THE WINEMAKING:**

The grapes were fermented in one batch, managed for at least 6-8 days on skins. After pressing the free run juice was added back. During ferment, some of the juice was transferred to new oak barrels for 24 hours, then pumped back into the fermentation tank. The barrels were then washed and then refilled for another fermentation. Matured in 50% new French oak puncheons (500L) and 50% second fill puncheons for 22 months in oak prior to blending and bottled with minimal interference.

#### **THE PROFILE:**

The nose offers aromas of pain grille, pencil lead, truffle, espresso, black cherry, and blueberry. Ripe, juicy berry and spice flavours with well-rounded tannins and a very good, lengthy finish. A luscious, full-bodied wine that is flavourful and impeccably balanced whilst maintaining a real sense of elegance. This wine is a classic Barossa Shiraz which will provide pleasure for many years to come.

**ANALYSIS:** Alc. Vol 14.1%, Acidity 6.40g/Lt, pH 3.44

#### **CELLARING:**

Excellent potential for ageing, enjoy this wine until at least 2025.

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