



ROLF BINDER

BAROSSA VALLEY



"I was ecstatic when offered a small crop of Montepulciano from an Eden Valley grower in 2012 as it gave me an opportunity to work with a different varietal for the first time. Even more happy with this second release!"

~ Rolf Binder

2014 Montepulciano

Winemaker: Rolf Binder.

Rolf Binder, formerly known as Veritas, was established in the heart of the Barossa Valley in 1955 by Rolf Heinrich Binder. The winery tradition is now continued by the second generation of Binders, Rolf and Christa, as brother and sister winemakers. Together they produce a range of highly acclaimed wines from estate and other premium Barossa vineyards.

THE VINEYARDS:

A varietal with its origin in the Abruzzo region of east-central Italy, the fruit for this second release 2014 Montepulciano came from a grower in Eden Valley who had grafted 25 year old Riesling vines to Montepulciano. The yield was approx. 2.5 tonnes/acre with about a third of the crop dropped at veraison in order to maximise concentration of flavour in the vineyard. Grapes were harvested late in the vintage, in April, as this region, with its cool nights and high elevation, is perfect for slow ripening and intense fruit flavours.

THE VINTAGE:

A constant pattern of low yields, yet late harvest across all varieties, particularly red, is the mark of the vintage. Ideal, mild weather from mid February on resulted in fragrant red wines (especially Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon) at modest alcohol levels. The Barossa Valley had excellent winter rains that carried the vines through the hot, dry late spring and summer drought until the February two-day heavy rains. On average, yields were down 40%, but the red wines are rich and varietal, with dense colours and a structure suggesting they will be very ageworthy.

THE WINEMAKING:

Second release, attempting to capture more of the typical essence of Montepulciano using fruit from Eden Valley. The wine was matured for 18 months in 30% new French oak (quintessence) with the rest of the wine matured in shaven French oak. Bottled 6 months earlier than the previous release.

ANALYSIS: Alc. Vol 13.5%, Acidity 5.8 g/l, pH 3.6

THE PROFILE:

Bright ruby/purple colour with cherry, blackberry fruit and pepper on the nose. This release is a somewhat lighter-bodied style than the 2012 wine, more in the traditional style of those produced in Italy. The palate shows hints of tar, chocolate, plum and spice with a firm, dry finish and soft tannins. The earthy notes are a delight when this wine is paired with savoury dishes.

CELLARING:

Best when consumed young but can be enjoyed over the next 3-5 years.

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