



# 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot

*Winemaker: Rolf Binder.*

**Veritas Winery was established in 1955 by Rolf Heinrich Binder. In 2005, on their 50th Anniversary, Veritas became Rolf Binder Wines. The winery tradition is now continued by Rolf and Christa, as brother and sister winemakers. The philosophy of all Rolf Binder Wines is to let the vineyard tell its own story.**

## **THE VINTAGE:**

Above average early winter rains filled the soils and dams. Despite a drier than average August, winter rains were 20% higher than average. August and Spring were drier with warmer days so the vines got away to a good healthy start.. Ripening conditions were perfect, and the result in many vineyards was that vintage started early, with many varieties ripening together. With Feb and March being dry, most of the vintage was harvested before the end of March. Yields were a bit below or close to the recent average and certainly better than the previous 2 lighter years. Whites from 2015 show delicate flavours and lovely natural acidity, and reds, strong colours and rich flavours. Another really great Barossa vintage. Particular standouts include Riesling, Grenache and *Cabernet Sauvignon*.

## **THE WINEMAKING:**

The Cabernet Sauvignon & Merlot are fermented in open fermenters. Selected Bordeaux-style yeasts are added. The juice is pumped over twice daily, resulting in maximum flavour, colour and tannin extraction with both the warm ferment and pumping over stabilising tannin structure. The wine was matured in a mix of 10% new French and American oak barrels, with the balance being older shaven oak barrels. Maturation was 12 months with the final blend being 65% Cabernet Sauvignon and 35% Merlot.

## **THE PROFILE:**

Complex flavours abound in this medium bodied wine with soft gentle tannins, and a long lingering finish. The drier, warm season has given a style with intense flavours, retaining good amounts of blackcurrant syrup aroma and a balanced palate. The varietal back-up from the richer plum fruits of the Merlot gives this very drinkable blend a bright fruit lift.

**ANALYSIS:** Alc. Vol 13.5%, Acidity 6.2, pH 3.47

## **REVIEWS:**

“A rich fruity wine on the palate that is backed up by full ripe fruit flavours of blackberry, cassis, plums and subtle oak. The tannins are soft and gentle and combine with the fruit to enhance the overall flavour of the wine.”

- Rolf Binder

*“A classic blend that expresses vibrant fruit character, with soft gentle tannins that linger well. An extremely drinkable wine.”*

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