



ROLF BINDER

BAROSSA VALLEY



"An easy drinking red at great value that will continue to reward you for many years... though why wait for a good thing?"

- Rolf Binder

2014 Eden Valley Shiraz

Winemaker: Rolf Binder.

From premium Shiraz vineyards in the cooler hills which run along the eastern side of the Barossa Valley, in the sub-region of the Eden Valley. This elegant Shiraz has fine velvety tannins and is unique among its Barossa brothers.

THE VINEYARDS:

A blend of sweet juicy fruit from two vineyards, featuring shallow soils of shale, schist and mica which lend an element of elegance to this wine. Some of the Shiraz comes from vines planted in the Eden Valley township, and a rare higher altitude Shiraz vineyard on the top of the Barossa Ranges. The average yield was around 2 tonnes an acre.

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 age-worthy.

THE WINEMAKING:

Hand harvested, the parcels of grapes are separately crushed and fermented. Fermented in 8 tonne open fermenters and completed in tank, followed by 24 months maturation in barrels, including 30% new American oak.

ANALYSIS: Alc. Vol 14.0% - Acidity 6.30g/l - pH 3.56

THE PROFILE:

American oak has imparted soft leathery notes and vanillin character which delicately enhances the splashes of forest berries, dark chocolate and sweet spice. Displaying elegance and a finer tannin structure, ensuring longevity on the palate when paired with the wine's subtle acid backbone.

CELLARING:

This wine drinks lovely in its youth but will impress for years to come and can be enjoyed over the next 8-12 years.

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