



ROLF BINDER

BAROSSA VALLEY



“The wine shows great fruit, texture and lineage; it is a very defined wine with great power yet shows an elegance that entices the drinker. This will be an excellent wine for cellaring.”
- Rolf Binder

2013 BULL'S BLOOD®

Shiraz - Mataro Pressings

Winemaker: Rolf Binder.

The Hungarian 'Bikaver' wine translates to 'Bulls Blood' and dates back to the 1500s when the Hungarians were fighting the Turks. It was a wine for strength in battle! The first Veritas 'Bulls Blood' was produced in 1967 by R. H. Binder and the label remains quite similar still today. It has become an Australian 'cult' wine and one that collectors enjoy.

THE VINTAGE:

The vines asked for more water following a dry winter. The Spring rains never came and the Barossa Valley then had the driest November since 1967, but ideal temperatures throughout January and February (plus low yields) promoted berry flavour development and even ripening. Successful particularly in the context of medium body, plenty of tannins and excellent colour.

THE WINEMAKING:

Both hand pruned and hand picked, the Bulls Blood is fermented in open fermenters with pump overs twice daily, resulting in a seven day fermentation process. This results in maximum flavour, colour and tannin extraction with both the hot ferment and pumping over stabilising tannin structure. At the end of fermentation on skins the juice is drained off. The remaining skins still contain a large amount of fermenting juice and due to the contact with the ripe skins contain wonderful, rich flavours. The skins are gently pressed. The final pressure on the cake is soft, giving an almost gentle 'basket press' effect. After pressing, the wine is fermented to dryness, racked and placed in American and French oak puncheons, comprising of 80% new oak.

ANALYSIS: Alc. Vol 14.0% - Acidity 6.35 g/l - pH 3.50

THE PROFILE:

Mulled spicy fruit, obvious oak that is mellow and rounded, rich chocolates that are subdued. Displays a mellow richness that is classy and definitive. The immediate evidence of weight, texture and spice launch the palate. The richness that leads onto the palate is wonderful; showing exotic spice, stone fruit, mulberries and hints of dark chocolate. The mid palate builds immediately with depth, texture and rich luscious tannins emerging. The back palate is solid, strong showing some wild berries, coating the mouth with great length and persistent flavours. The wine has powerful mouth filling weight and finishes with clear, round and soft but evident tannins that are a perfect blend of oak and fruit.

CELLARING:

Bull's Blood is a wine that has been popular amongst collectors for many years and has been proven to be a great addition to many cellars Australia wide. Although the wine is quite approachable now, it will be shining in 5-10 years and drinking lovely as an aged wine until 2032.

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