



ROLF BINDER

BAROSSA VALLEY

# 2015 Selection Chardonnay Barossa Valley

*Winemaker: Christa Deans*

**100% Chardonnay from selected premium vineyards in the Barossa Valley, made with Christa's trademark white winemaking skill.**

## **THE VINEYARDS:**

The fruit for this wine comes from two separate estates, 100% Barossa Valley grown. The Binder family 'Chri Ro' vineyard features gravelly loam vineyards with some patches of sandy loam. The other source is our 'Riedl' vineyard which comprises of light sand over clay.

## **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.

## **THE WINEMAKING:**

Small batches of Chardonnay are picked and carefully processed through a tank press with some skin contact. The juice commences fermentation in stainless steel. A portion of fruit from each vineyard is fermented in French Oak puncheons, a combination of new and seasoned oak, for up to 7 months, imparting a variety of complexities. The wine is aged on lees then blended, and bottling took place mid August.

**ANALYSIS:** Alc. Vol 13.0%, Acidity 6.7 g/l, pH 3.42

## **THE PROFILE:**

A fresh lively nose with a grapefruit and citrus lift. The oak maturation has added a lovely soft edge and depth of palate while remaining balanced with the fruit details - peaches and cream characteristics.

## **CELLARING:**

Made to drink young and fresh, but could be aged for 3-5 years.



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