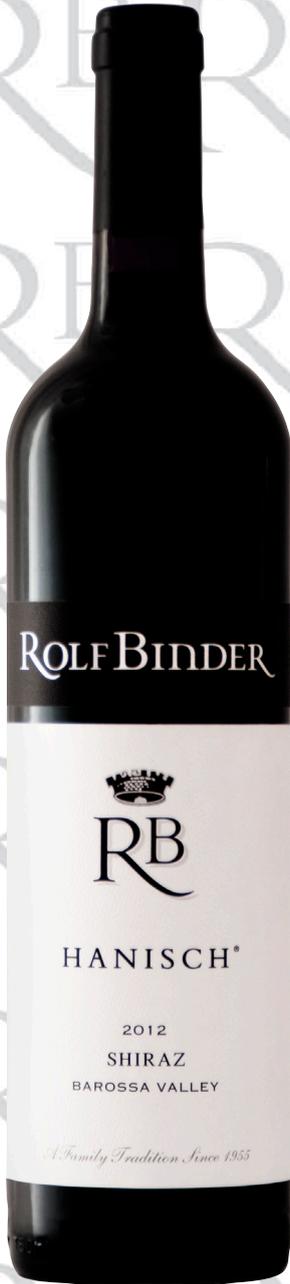




ROLF BINDER

BAROSSA VALLEY



*"The secret lies in the vineyard."*

*- Rolf Binder*

# 2012 HANISCH Shiraz

*Winemaker: Rolf Binder.*

Planted in 1972, our 'Hanisch' vineyard is made up of twelve rows of vines which run east-west down a gentle hill-slope the length of the block. Today the 'Hanisch' Shiraz has an unprecedented track record that equals any in Australia. The 2012 is an exceptional release of this single vineyard Barossa Shiraz, maintaining its position in the prestigious Langton's Classification of Australian Wine. It is a wine that makes a great blue-chip addition to any cellar, consistently rated as one of the best Shiraz wines in Australia.

## ROLF'S WORDS ON

### THE VINEYARD, THE WINEMAKING & THE CELLARING:

Why is the Hanisch so close to my heart? Perhaps it's because I planted the vineyard with my father at a young age, driving the tractor when I was just 11 years old. The first wine produced was released in 1988 as the 'The Long Rows' Shiraz, and right away it proved to be very special.

In 1991 I named the wine 'Hanisch' as the western boundary of the vineyard block is a dirt track called Hanisch Road, named after a well known Tanunda settler and winemaker, Arthur Hanisch. 2012 marks the 40th year for these Shiraz vines, and with just 250 dozen produced it is quite a limited and special release.

Each vintage of 'Hanisch' Shiraz comes from the same rows of vines, with the quantity of grapes picked altering with each harvest. After fermentation the wine goes into barrel, but not every barrel makes the final grade. The wine is only produced in the very best of vintages. Being selective is important when producing a single vineyard wine.

Something unique to this wine is that it has spent its total maturation period in new oak, which the wine has fully integrated, making the final wine powerful, yet seductive.

Under correct cellaring conditions, as well as considering the greatness of the 2012 vintage I can safely say that this wine can be matured for up to 20 years.

**ANALYSIS:** Alc. Vol 14% - Acidity 6.2g/lt - pH 3.61

### REVIEWS:

"A supremely elegant medium-bodied shiraz that effortlessly stamps its blackberry and plum fruit on the palate, with exactly proportioned gently savoury tannins. I can't remember a more perfect cork.

Rating 97, Drink to 2035 - 2016 Halliday Wine Companion

Average score over the last 12 vintages - 96/100

- Robert Parker Wine Advocate

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