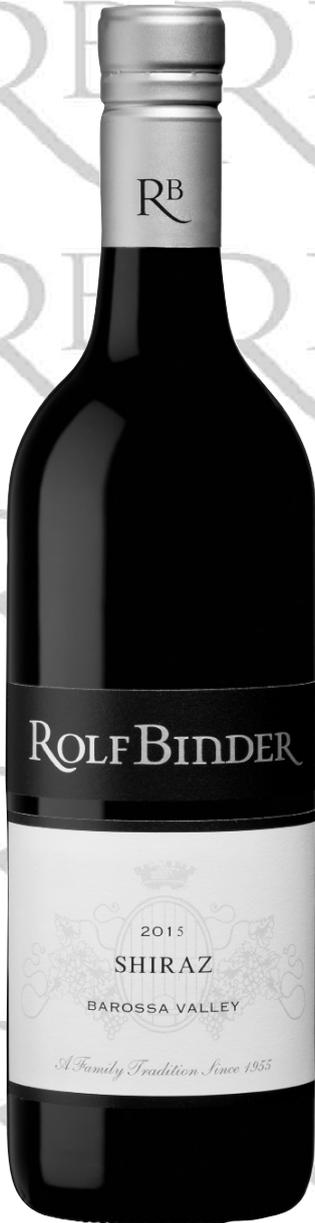




ROLF BINDER

BAROSSA VALLEY



"This has shown to be one of our most popular red wines around the globe - a classic Shiraz that drinks incredibly well, at exceptional value."

- Rolf Binder

2015 Shiraz

Winemaker: Rolf Binder.

Second generation winemakers, Rolf Binder and Christa Deans are highly regarded for their skill and commitment to producing premium quality Barossa Valley wines.

THE VINEYARDS:

A collection of five Barossa Valley Shiraz vineyards contributed fruit with varying characteristics and add a nice complexity to this wine. The vineyards in the northern region of the Barossa are known for adding depth and weight to a wine, while the vineyards in the Marananga bowl give the wine power and length. Our criteria is to select vineyards that are cropped at a level that is in harmony with the growth of the vines and the strength of the soil.

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. Another really great Barossa vintage.

THE WINEMAKING:

The Shiraz for this wine was picked over a period of 3 weeks, coming from vineyards in the inner west and northern reaches of the Barossa. All batches are crushed as one, using traditional pump over or heading downboards during the fermentation. After pressing, the separate free run juice and pressings are blended back together. The wine was then matured in a majority of shaven American and French oak hogshead barrels.

ANALYSIS: Alc. Vol 13.5%, Acidity 5.9, pH 3.5

THE PROFILE:

This deep cherry red wine fills the glass with aromas reminiscent of sweet red berries. Dark cherries enhanced with licorice, cassis, hints of vanilla and blueberries on the medium bodied palate. Ripe tannins and a complex acidity lend to the overall perception of a smooth, approachable red wine, with a nice persistence of flavour, lingering well on the palate.

CELLARING:

Made to enjoy now till at least 2022.

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