



*Full-bodied with plenty of ripe, seductive berry and spice flavors on the palate. An elegant Shiraz that benefits greatly from the small percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon to add complexity and richness.*

*Drink this superb Shiraz to 2035+.*

# 2015 Heysen Shiraz

*Winemaker: Rolf Binder.*

**A super premium Shiraz that calls for a place in any good cellar. American wine critic, Robert Parker Junior, describes Rolf Binder as “one of my favourite wineries (whose) offerings are never excessively oaked, possess extraordinary ripe, concentrated fruit, great individuality”.**

Established as Veritas Winery in 1955 by Rolf Heinrich Binder. Today second generation winemaker siblings, Rolf Binder and Christa Deans, are producing highly acclaimed wines using fruit from the family estate.

### **THE VINEYARDS:**

The famous Heysen Walking Trail forms the western border of the Rolf Binder Estate. Fruit for this wine is grown in the adjacent, low yielding Heysen vineyard where it develops intensely concentrated flavours.

### **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:**

The grapes were fermented in one batch, managed for at least 6-8 days on skins. After pressing the free run juice was added back. During ferment, some of the juice was transferred to new oak barrels for 24 hours, then pumped back into the fermentation tank. The barrels were then washed and then refilled for another fermentation. Matured in 50% new French oak puncheons (500L) and 50% second fill puncheons for 22 months in oak prior to blending and bottled with minimal interference.

### **THE PROFILE:**

The nose offers aromas of pain grille, pencil lead, truffle, espresso, black cherry, and blueberry. Ripe, juicy berry and spice flavours with well-rounded tannins and a very good, lengthy finish. A luscious, full-bodied wine that is flavourful and impeccably balanced whilst maintaining a real sense of elegance. This wine is a classic Barossa Shiraz which will provide pleasure for many years to come.

**ANALYSIS:** Alc. Vol 14.1%, Acidity 6.40g/lt, pH 3.44

### **CELLARING:**

Excellent potential for ageing, enjoy this wine until at least 2035.

### **REVIEWS: Rating 97 To 2048.**

*“Deep, vivid colour; a complex and enticing bouquet has licorice, spice, black fruits and oak all competing for space, a battle of epic proportions on the palate. A full-bodied shiraz of the highest quality, thanks to not only its power, but also its balance and harmony, oak and tannins precisely weighted.”*

James Halliday, 2017 Wine Companion

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