



ROLF BINDER

BAROSSA VALLEY



"It's special for me to have a wine with my daughter's name & one that I regard amongst my best Shiraz wines. For all the other Stephanies out there - I hope you will find this wine & enjoy it too!"

- Rolf Binder

2015

'Stephanie' 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:

Founders of the family wine business, Rolf Heinrich and Franziska Binder were blessed with four grandchildren, the eldest being Stephanie. The vineyard bearing her name was planted with Shiraz vines in 1996 and is located on the estate block adjacent to the Rolf Binder winery.

This small vineyard has contributed to wines of the highest quality for many years, most often making up the Shiraz component of the family's 'Bull's Blood' Shiraz Mataro wine. However, the fruit harvested in 2015 was truly exceptional and therefore destined to be released as a limited, single vineyard Shiraz wine that highlights the quality produced from this special block.

THE VINTAGE:

Things started well for 2015 with above average early winter rains that filled the soils and dams. Spring was drier and warmer than average, meaning the vines got away to a good healthy start. In the second week of January a nice amount of rain fell, which kept vines healthy and grapes ripening. In fact the ripening conditions were perfect, and February did nothing to stop the ripening or hinder quality, being warm to hot during the day, cool at night and almost completely dry. March was also very dry and average in temperature with most of the vintage harvested before its end. 2015 could well go down as another really great Barossa Valley vintage.

THE WINEMAKING:

Matured in a mix of oak barrels for 22 months - 50% new American, 25% new French and 25% 3 yr old American.

ANALYSIS: Alc. Vol 14.3 Acidity 7.1 pH 3.34

THE PROFILE:

A rich, full bodied wine with intense flavours of red berries, blackcurrant and chocolate. Silky smooth tannins and great persistence of flavour. It's a great example of classic Binder Barossa Shiraz.

CELLARING:

The 2015 release also marks the 60th anniversary of Binder family winemaking and is a wine that will reward those who choose to cellar it for longer. Drinking well on release in 2018 but can easily cellar till at least 2025. Only 120 dozen produced.

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