



ROLF BINDER

BAROSSA VALLEY



*"A classic Rhone blend - this is a tribute to my father, Rolf Heinrich Binder. This wine is one of my favourite wines to make. I really enjoy the challenge of getting the balance of these 3 varieties just right."*

*- Rolf Binder*

# 2014 'Heinrich' Shiraz Mataro Grenache

*Winemaker: Rolf Binder.*

**Veritas Winery was established in 1955 by Rolf Heinrich Binder. In 2005, on their 50th Anniversary, Veritas became Rolf Binder Wines. The winery tradition is now continued by Rolf and Christa, as brother and sister winemakers.**

#### **THE VINTAGE:**

Really good winter and early spring rains filled the soils and set the vines up well for the season. Unseasonal November frosts proved challenging. Late spring and summer were dry and warm at least during the days, with significant heat records being set. By February the first reds were picked, but on Valentine's Day the season changed and between 100-150mm of rain fell in just over 24 hours. This caused the rush of the early vintage to slow down and the rest of vintage progressed at an almost leisurely pace. The Barossa Valley experienced generally lower than average crops, but plenty of flavour and acid.

#### **THE VINEYARDS:**

Fruit for this wine is sourced from various Binder Estate vineyards in different areas of the Barossa. The major component, Shiraz, is a vineyard selection, including some fruit from Eden Valley. The Grenache is grown on the Western Ridge and the Mataro is from wonderful old bush vines planted in the 1880s (the Pressings of which are used in our Bull's Blood wine).

#### **THE WINEMAKING:**

Fruit for this wine was harvested by hand. The Shiraz, Mataro and Grenache are separately crushed, fermented and aged until final blending and bottling. Vinification occurs in open fermenters with pump overs twice daily. The fermentation was completed in tank, the wines were then racked to barrel. Oak used for the Shiraz was 15% new oak, 45% shaven American and 40% two year old American. For the Grenache, 50% shaven French, 30% shaven American and 20% two year old French. The Mataro was aged in 50% shaven French and 50% shaven American oak. The wine was blended to taste and style, utilising the body and strength of the Shiraz (50%), the ripe confectionary fruit of the Grenache (20%) and the fine earthy tannins of the old vine Mataro (30%).

#### **THE PROFILE:**

"Brilliant crimson colour, very bright, almost glowing and pales a little at the rim; pure, fragrant aroma at times floral and violets come to mind but also showing warm climate richness and ripeness; the palate is much more delicate than that of single varietal Shiraz and builds gradually in the mouth and finishes with satisfying, delicious fruit and fine tannins." *Rolf Binder*

**ANALYSIS:** Alc. Vol 13.9% - Acidity 6.2 g/l - pH 3.41

#### **CELLARING:**

This is a wine that ages well and could be enjoyed until 2028.

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