



ROLF BINDER

BAROSSA VALLEY



"We only make this limited release blend when the fruit samples are just right to suit the style. The last one was made in 2009 and we don't expect this release to last long either!"

- Rolf Binder

Veritas

2018 Cabernet Malbec

Winemakers: Rolf Binder & Harry Mantzarapis

Rolf Binder, formerly known as Veritas Winery, was established in the heart of the Barossa Valley in 1955 by Rolf Heinrich Binder. The winery tradition is now continued by the second generation of Binders, Rolf and Christa, as brother and sister winemakers. For more than 25 years, the siblings have produced a range of highly acclaimed wines from their estate and other premium Barossa vineyards.

THE VINEYARDS:

A blend of premium Cabernet Sauvignon from older Estate vineyards at Stockwell (1973 planting) and the Western Ridge (1996 planting). The Malbec was grown on the winery block (1978 planting) as well as the Stockwell vineyard.

THE VINTAGE:

After reasonable winter and spring rainfall, soil moisture was adequate during the 2018 growing season and the Barossa's vineyards were exhibiting healthy canopies heading into summer. Jan and Feb were warm and dry, with very warm temperatures in Feb slowing down the pace of ripening, allowing good flavour to develop more slowly. The warm, dry Summer extended throughout the harvest season until the end of April. Overall yields were 10-20% down, but quality high.

THE WINEMAKING:

A limited release under our Veritas label which is a remake on an original family label that dates back to the 1960s. The fruit was open fermented for 7 days, with a combination of pumping over/jetting twice daily and use of heading down boards for maximum flavour extraction. The wine was matured for 22 months in a combination of 75% French oak and 25% American oak hogshead barrels, with 50% being new oak. The final blend was 51/49. Only 120 dozen produced.

ANALYSIS: Alc. Vol 14.2%, Acidity 7.14 g/l, 3.34 pH

THE PROFILE:

The wine has a lovely dark inky purple colour, with an attractive, vibrant bouquet of cassis, cedar and mint. The medium-full bodied palate has good acidity, packed with ripe flavors of plums, black cherry, and blackberry. The robust tannins of Malbec give a more dry, long finish.

THE CELLARING:

From such an exceptional vintage, this is an excellent choice to cellar longer in order to reward in years to come. Made to drink now till 2030.

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