



ROLF BINDER

BAROSSA VALLEY



"The secret lies in the vineyard."

- Rolf Binder

2016

HANISCH Shiraz

Winemakers: Rolf Binder & Harry Mantzarafis

Planted in 1972, the 'Hanisch' vineyard is made up of twelve rows of vines which run east-west down a gentle hill-slope between Hanisch and Stelzer Roads. This flagship wine has an incredible track record that dates back to the early 1990s. This 2016 release is a truly exceptional expression of single vineyard Barossa Shiraz from one of the finest Barossa vintages. It is a wine that makes a wonderful addition to any cellar, consistently rated as one of the best Shiraz wines in Australia.

THE VINTAGE:

The 2016 Barossa grape harvest was a stand-out, with high quality fruit and supply returning to normal after several low-yielding vintages. Drier soils, combined with a warmer than average Spring and early summer meant the vines got away at a cracking pace, growing well and setting a good number of bunches. A fortuitous 1.5 inches rainfall in January, followed by generally mild conditions throughout late January/February saw phenology keep up with sugar levels in Shiraz - lots of brown, crunchy seeds early, yielding rich, ripe tannins - and early flavour development. Shiraz yields were 10-20% above the five year average.

ROLF'S WORDS ON THE VINEYARD, WINEMAKING & CELLARING:

Why is the Hanisch so close to my heart? Perhaps it's because I planted the vineyard with my father when I was 11 years old. The first wine produced was released in 1988 as the 'The Long Rows' Shiraz, and right away it proved to be very special.

In 1991 I named the wine 'Hanisch' as the western boundary of the vineyard block is a dirt track called Hanisch Road, named after a well known Tanunda settler and winemaker, Arthur Hanisch.

The Hanisch Shiraz vines are low yielding and hand picked each harvest. This 2016 release was matured in 75% new American (AP John) and 25% new French (Cadus) oak barrels for 22 months, with only the very best barrels chosen to make up the final blend for bottling. The Hanisch is only produced in the very best of vintages.

Under correct cellaring conditions, I can safely say that this wine can be matured for up to 20 years. 240 dozen produced.

ANALYSIS:

Alc. Vol 14.5%, Acidity 6.58g/l, pH 3.52

REVIEWS:

Rating 95 – GOLD

"Amazing red-noir hue. Waves of flavour, rich fruit doused in spices, licorice and oak spices too but everything in its place. Full-bodied, decisive tannins and impressive. A wine by design as much as place. Drink to 2032. Cork".

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