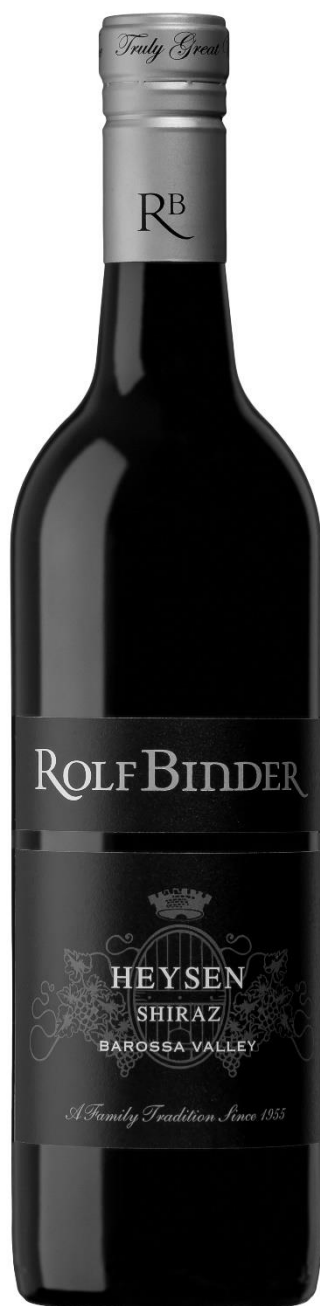


# 2018 Heysen Shiraz

*Winemaker: Rolf Binder & Paulo  
Correia*



**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 favorite wineries (whose) offerings are never excessively oaked, possess extraordinary ripe, concentrated fruit, great individuality".**

### **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:**

2018 harvest was well and truly dry but produced quality with the help of water retained in the soils from rainy months leading up to vintage. Crops were well down on the bumper 2017 vintage, but only slightly below the long-term average. Summer and early Autumn were unusually dry, requiring supplemental irrigation to all vineyard sites. The low disease pressures associated with dry, warm conditions coupled with the cool night-time temperatures allowed the vines to produce fruit with exceptional character and flavour while being harvested at lower degrees of sugar ripeness, generally producing vibrant, balanced, lower alcohol styles.

### **The Profile:**

This wine has a Deep Red colour with a purple hue. Wine delivers intense aromatic expression with boysenberry, ripe blueberry, plum and wild fruits, milk chocolate, notes of vanilla, oak spices, dark cherry and black olive. Ripe fruit concentration follows through to the palate. Full body style with black olive, cocoa, Asian cooking spices, confectioned notes, sweet fruits. Wine is balanced, fleshy and lively with integrated tannins. Shows a beautiful round and mouth coating palate. The pinpoint acidity gives it excellent persistence and length.

### **Analysis:**

Alc. Vol 14.5%, Acidity 7.2g/lt, pH 3.31

### **Cellaring:**

Excellent potential for ageing, Drink now to 2035.