



ROLF BINDER

BAROSSA VALLEY



2020

Montepulciano

Barossa Valley

Winemakers: Rolf Binder & Paulo Correia

Rolf Binder, formerly known as Veritas, 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:

The Fruit for the 2020 vintage was sourced from both vineyards in Eden Valley and the Barossa Valley to give the wine a richer flavours and intense spicy aromatics. The vineyard yielded 1.5T/acre of grapes for 2020 with the year bringing lower than average rainfall and higher than average temperatures. The Low yield brought intensity of fruit concentration along with ripe tannins. For the 2020 vintage the harvest began in mid-April which is earlier than usual for this Montepulciano.

THE VINTAGE:

A very dry Winter and Spring lead to early vineyard intervention to keep soil profiles moist. Frost and hail also assisted with yield reduction at flowering resulting in low cropping high quality fruit. The outcome was the lowest yielding Barossa Vintage in a decade and although low having the vines push all of the energy into the remaining fruit gave way to tremendous quality and balance in the wines.

THE WINEMAKING:

With this release, the winemaker's intent was to capture more of the typical essence of the Tuscan style Montepulciano wines. The wine was matured for 10 months in 3 year old barrels - 80% French oak (quintessence) and 20% American. This release was bottled earlier than previous releases for a slightly lighter, more crunchy style.

ANALYSIS: Alc. Vol 14.2%, Acidity 5.8 g/l, pH 3.57

THE PROFILE:

Deep Red with Purple Hues, Juicy, crunch and mouth coating texture with plenty of Red and Blue fruits interlaced with spices and underlying floral elements. Dried herbs, mocha add to this wine. The finish is soft and lengthy with the silky tannin structure.

CELLARING:

Best when consumed as a younger wine but can be enjoyed over the next 3-5 years.

"I was ecstatic when offered a small crop of Montepulciano from an Eden Valley grower back in 2012 as it gave me the opportunity to work with a different varietal for the first time & it's proved to be one that I love!"

~ Rolf Binder

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