



**ROLF BINDER**

BAROSSA VALLEY



"A true expression of Barossa Cabernet, quite soft and delicate."

- Rolf Binder

**2018**

## **Cabernet Sauvignon**

*Winemakers: Rolf Binder & Harry Mantzarapis*

**Second generation winemakers, Rolf Binder and Christa Deans are highly regarded for their skill and commitment to producing premium quality Barossa Valley wines.**

### **THE VINEYARDS:**

Fruit is sourced from a single vineyard in the Binder Estate near Light Pass, in the northern sub region of the Barossa Valley. This area of the Valley is known for adding depth and weight to a wine.

### **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 extremely high.

### **THE WINEMAKING:**

Grapes were harvested late March and then fermented in open fermenters. Selected Bordeaux-style yeasts were then added. The juice was pumped over twice daily, resulting in maximum flavour, colour and tannin extraction with both the warm ferment and pumping over stabilising tannin structure. The wine was aged for 18 months in 15% new French oak, with the remainder a combination of shaven and three year old French and American oak. This particular oak treatment was chosen to add a texture to the wine and to balance the wonderful natural fruit flavours that the 2017 vintage provided.

**ANALYSIS:** Alc. Vol. 14.5%, Acidity 7.29, pH 3.33

### **THE PROFILE:**

A rich deep purple colour. Enticing aromas of sweet black currants, blackberry, and a hint of chocolate. As the wine opens, aromas of black berry fruits and cassis, with a background hint of sweet oak, fill the nose. The palate is ripe and concentrated with a wall of very fine, drying tannins. The hallmark varietal black berry fruits fill the mouth evenly, with hints of subtle herb notes of clove and tomato leaf, adding interest and complexity. Shows long persistence of flavour.

### **CELLARING:**

A style of Cabernet that is best consumed when fresh and juicy, but could easily be cellared 5-8 years.

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