

# YALUMBA

FAMILY VIGNERONS C. 1849

*Yalumba Distinguished Sites is a family of exceptional wines, carefully sourced and masterfully crafted to capture the true essence of specific, special sites within the Barossa. These wines are intriguing, distinct and true to the unique parcel of dirt that inspired their creation, while remaining rooted firmly in the heart of the Barossa.*

## PARADOX

SHIRAZ 2013

Paradox: A person or thing made up of contradictory elements. The Paradox is not what you might expect from a wine from the northern Barossa. It's not the high octane, lots of new oak stereotypical northern Barossa Shiraz, but rather a softer, more gentle velvet-like and savoury style of wine.

### 2013 WINEMAKERS NOTE

After a drier than average winter budburst was early and even. Post veraison growing season conditions were for the most part dry and warm with rainfall over the growing season well below average. While summer temperatures were slightly above average there were few extremes and importantly relatively cool nights, creating grapes that were full of flavour and character. 2013 will be remembered as an excellent Barossa vintage.

Made with little intervention, the 2013 Paradox used small parcels of grapes fermented with wild yeast in 30hL French open top oak vats. With no refrigeration the ferments naturally get quite warm allowing the fruit flavours and textures to express themselves, while the tannin extraction is minimal. Natural malolactic fermentation occurs in oak, the majority of which is old and larger format puncheons.

### TERROIR

The Northern area of the Barossa Valley has some of the oldest landscapes in the Barossa. At 200 million years old, these bed rocks have formed the soils in which the grape vines grow. It is also one of the early grape growing areas of the Barossa with many generational growers who are both traditional and attune to the needs of making their vineyards sustainable with modern viticultural thinking.

### TASTING NOTES

An inky, crimson wine. Aromas are complex - full of mixed spice and crushed black pepper, violets and fennel with hints of blueberries. The palate is like layers of velvet with great structure and flavours reminiscent of satsuma plums, olives, black pepper and anise. Finishing savoury it is driven by fine powdery tannins. A great match with ...

- 🍷 Pumpkin & mushroom risotto with truffle & roasted beetroot [vegan]
- 🍷 Grilled lamb backstrap with chimichurri & roasted potatoes
- 🍷 Dark chocolate cake with poached sour cherries & fresh cream



### VINTAGE INFORMATION

VINTAGE: 2013

WINEMAKER: Louisa Rose

REGION: North Barossa ex Barossa Valley

HARVEST DATE: 14th February to 8th March 2013

OAK MATURATION DETAILS:

Matured for 20 months in French oak, mainly 500L puncheons, 14% of which was first use.

ACIDITY: 6.2 g/l

PH: 3.79

CELLARING: 20+ years

