

YALUMBA

"The Octavius" Old Vine Barossa Shiraz 1997

Yalumba "The Octavius" has established a reputation as one of Australia's icon Shiraz wines, an amazing feat considering the first release was the 1990 vintage.

In addition to being sourced from a number of very old vineyards in the Barossa, The Octavius is matured in American oak 'octaves' of only 90 litres capacity. It is the only red wine in the world that is matured in such small barrels. The secret of the wine not becoming overpowered by the oak, is that the oak used is seasoned at Yalumba for eight years before the octaves are crafted.

Yalumba is one of a select few wineries in the world who boast their own coopers practising the ancient craft of barrel making.



WINEMAKING / VITICULTURE

The 1997 vintage was challenging with above average temperatures in January and February resulting in areas of vineyard stress. Only the oldest dry grown vineyards used for The Octavius were able to produce the immense flavours and concentration of fruit that epitomises The Octavius style. Deep cherry red in colour with a nose layered with liquorice, cherries, violets, and black olives supported by rich vanillin oak aromas. The palate is an explosion of sweet berry fruits, rich plums with long grainy tannins leading to and a warm peppery finish. Recommended cellaring for 10 - 15 years.

WINEMAKER PROFILE

Kevin Glastonbury left Grant Burge wines to join the Yalumba winemaking team as red winemaker in 1999, just before the start of vintage. In two short years he has stamped his own particular style on the Yalumba reds. Kevin describes his winemaking philosophy as "attempting to add an additional something to that which Mother Nature provides. The consistency and character of that extra dimension is the true measure of a winemaker's skills."

PRESS REVIEWS / AWARDS

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Review of Octavius 1996:

'It's a majestic red: incredibly dense and powerful, almost unbearably luscious in its ultra-ripe, blackberry, licorice/aniseed, vanilla, raisin and fruitcake Barossa Shiraz flavours'

Source: Sydney Morning Herald, September 2000

Vintage Information

Vintage:	1997
Region:	Barossa, SA
Winemaker:	Kevin Glastonbury
Harvested:	March/April 1997
Time in Oak:	27 months in American oak octaves, 65% new
Alc/Vol:	14.5%
Total Acid:	6.3 g/L
pH:	3.48

