

YALUMBA

The Octavius IX Old Vine Barossa Shiraz 1998

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 1998 vintage in the Barossa was nothing short of outstanding. Near-perfect growing conditions saw grapes achieve maximum ripeness and flavour. Yalumba's The Octavius 1998 was once again sourced from dry grown old bushvines that produced low crops (1-2 tonne/acre) of intensely rich and powerful Shiraz fruit. The resulting wine is dense red in colour with a complex nose of spice, pepper, fruitcake, coffee bean, violet and vanillin toasty oak. The palate is truly intense with concentrated layers of plum, licorice and black olives balanced by fine-grained tannins. This wine will see through to the long term and has at least 10 years of cellaring potential.

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."

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Wine Show Tally for The Octavius 1998 as at January 2002

4 TROPHIES & 4 GOLD medals

Vintage Information

Vintage:	1998
Region:	Barossa, SA
Winemaker:	Kevin Glastonbury
Harvested:	April 1998
Time in Oak:	22 months in American oak octaves coopered on-site at Yalumba
Alc/Vol:	14.5%
Total Acid:	7.2 g/L

