

YALUMBA

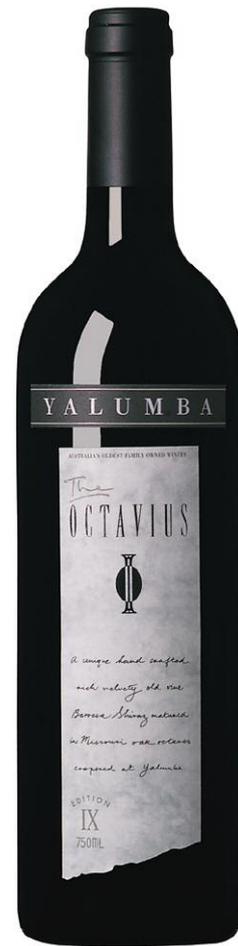
The Octavius Barossa Old Vine Shiraz 1999

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 wood 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 fruit for The Octavius 1999 was sourced from very old Barossa Shiraz vineyards, producing low crops (1-2 tonne per acre). With another perfect growing season throughout 1998 and 1999, the 1999 vintage promised to be yet again of exceptional quality. The wine is intensely rich and predominantly fruit driven. The colour is deep cherry red with purple hues and the nose is rich in violets, cherries and plums, with hints of licorice and a dusty smoky oak overtone. The palate explodes with sweet fruit of plums and dark, juicy red berries. It is very well structured with tight and firm tannins, finishing with a rich balanced extract that lingers deliciously. The wine will cellar very well and see through at least 10 years.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS / PROFILE

When Kevin Glastonbury reached Yalumba to prepare for vintage 1999, years of experience, experimentation and thinking on matters viti and vini were about to be applied. "After 25 years of learning and listening, I am even more committed and passionate about winemaking, in the knowledge that risk - like creativity - brings rich rewards." With more than eight years of experience working in the Barossa with some of the most famous and oldest Barossa Shiraz and Grenache vineyards, Kevin has obtained a regional understanding of the Barossa and its vineyards that can only come from working in the region for the majority of his winemaking life.

PRESS REVIEW / AWARDS

"96 points - Made from 100% Shiraz, the massive, full-bodied 1999 Octavius continues the succession of profound efforts from Yalumba. Tremendously rich, intense, and multidimensional, it offers up notes of blackberries, sweet smoke, and melted asphalt. Anticipated maturity: 2005-2025."

Robert Parker Jr, The Wine Advocate (USA), 23 August 2003

VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	1999
Region	Barossa Valley, Eden Valley
Winemaker	Kevin Glastonbury
Harvested	March and April
Alc/Vol	14.5%
Total Acid	6.9 g/L
pH	3.32
Cellaring	10+ years

