



The Signature

HAROLD YATES

VINTAGE 1966

Harold Yates was secretary at Yalumba for 45 years. Commenced in 1893, retired in 1949.

The Label :

Harold Yates Blend Galway Vintage Reserve Claret. “This well balanced wine was made from 80% Cabernet Sauvignon from Barossa and 20% of the same grape grown at our Waikerie Estate Vineyards. It has good colour and shows the true characteristics of the Cabernet Sauvignon grape and has a fine French oak finish and will continue to develop in the future.”

80% Barossa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Oxford Landing Estate Cabernet Sauvignon. 12 months in French Nevers puncheons.

The Vintage: Hot, dry

The Winemaker: Raymond Ward, Rudi Kronberger

The Accolades: 2 Bronze

The Tasting - Wine & Spirit Buying Guide 1979:

“Again a wine showing some volatility, but in this case the fruit is big enough to carry it. The wine has good depth of fruit on both nose and palate and a clean firm but balanced finish. The fruit is very ripe and perhaps lacks a little elegance, but the wine has good balance and is a mature example of that rather ripe old fashioned Barossa dry red style. Ready to drink.”

“The Lab” 6 September 1989 :

Deep brick red with brown hues. Very lifted sweet chocolate style fruit with a hint of volatility. The palate has a rich medicinal fruit character and finishes with good firm fruit/oak tannins. Will continue to cellar well for up to 10 years.

The Yalumba “Barrel Cellar” Tasting 1994:

Full brick red with some tawny hues. Warm sweet tending chocolatey aromas with a VA lift that provides complexity but not dominant. Very nice cedary oak complexity. Middle palate is starting to dry out but still pleasant drinking.

The Yalumba “Barrel Cellar” Tasting November 2003:

Warm, inviting mocha notes intermingled with elegant oak greet the nose. Shows a surprising richness for a 38-year-old wine with prune and plum flavours supported by subtle wood, fine balance and a lovely tannin texture. 4 stars