



# The Signature

## CHRISTOBEL HILL SMITH VINTAGE 1974

*Christobel was the wife of Sid Hill Smith. Her vitality has long been an ingredient of the winery's hospitality, where for 60 years she was a great hostess for Yalumba. She maintained an active interest in the stage, particularly ballet. Her other interests have been travel and people.*

### The Label :

Christobel's Blend Signature Series Claret. (first introduction of a back label.) "This wine is 60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Shiraz grown in the Barossa Valley. It was matured in French oak hogsheads for 12 months prior to bottling. Despite the bad conditions which prevailed for the 1974 season, this wine won the Stoddart Trophy and the ACI Trophies in 1975 for the best claret in these respective classes."

60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Shiraz from the Barossa Valley

**The Vintage:** Hot wet, difficult.

**The Winemaker:** Rod Bouchier, David Zimmermann

**The Accolades:** 3 Trophy, 21 Gold, 12 Silver, 21 Bronze

### The Tasting - Wine & Spirit Buying Guide 1979:

"Slightly austere, stalky character on the nose. Lovely elegant balanced palate showing some development. There is a good balance of fruit and oak on the palate. It's a light style but has the structure to kick on for a while although it is drinking very well now. Very much in the 'claret' mould. Probably the outstanding wine of the tasting."

### "The Lab" 6 September 1989 :

Rich red brown. Elegant and lifted, slightly herbaceous Cabernet fruit with integrated bottled developed characters. A richly flavoured palate with full long fruit and tannins with a good acid finish

### The Yalumba "Barrel Cellar" Tasting 1994:

Rich red brown. Leafy herbal European style nose. Very complex and seductive. Tobacco cigar box oak background. Good medium weight palate with sweet fresh berry Cabernet flavours. Long flavours with great tannin balance. Still an outstanding wine.

### The Yalumba "Barrel Cellar" Tasting November 2003:

Cassis and herbal accents on the nose that shows the cabernet dominance in this blend. Attractive flavours of mature fruits and savoury oak with a hint of volatility. A soundly structured wine with a firm acid backbone and soft tannins, holding together very well. 3 stars