



# The Signature

## RON SKATE

## VINTAGE 1976

*Ron Skate is a fine Australian artist. This artistic ability was displayed over the 30 years that he was associated with Yalumba as the principal of their advertising agency. A close association was formed between Wyndham Hill Smith and Ron during this time. Sharing a passion for oil painting, the pair spent many happy hours transferring the diverse South Australian landscape to canvas.*

### The Label :

Ron Skate Blend Signature Series Claret. "This wine is 68% Shiraz and 32% Cabernet Sauvignon grown in the Barossa region. It was matured in French oak puncheons for 16 months prior to bottling."

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**The Vintage:** Warm, dry.

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

**The Accolades:** 4 Gold, 6 Silver, 2 Bronze

### "The Lab" 6 September 1989 :

Rich brick red, slightly tawny. Earthy berry fruit development with a fine oak background. The palate is very richly structured with complex fruit/oak integration. The tannins are still reasonably obvious and this wine will benefit from further bottle maturation.

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

Brick, chocolate with tawny hues. Initially closed with sweaty Shiraz notes, the wine breathed over 3 - 4 hours to show spicy ripe Shiraz with a touch of leather. A very big structured wine with ripe fruit flavours and still firm tannins

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

Fragrant vanillin oak and nutty accents add an almost rancio character to the spicy nose. Plenty of fruit depth evolves on the palate with barnyard and oak accents adding further complexity. Shows good structure with a great length of persistence. 4½ stars