



The Signature

JOHN GILLESPIE

VINTAGE 1984

This wine is named after John Gillespie, who joined us in 1954 as a traveller and later became promotions manager for S. Smith & Son. He retired in 1981 after 27 years of service to the company.

The Label :

Signature. "The 1984 'Signature Collection' is a blend of 80% Cabernet Sauvignon from the Barossa Valley and Coonawarra and 20% Shiraz from the Barossa Valley. It was aged for 24 months in French oak barriques."

77% Cabernet Sauvignon & 23% Shiraz from the Barossa Valley.

The Vintage: Cool, dry.

The Winemaker: Robb Cootes

The Accolades: 1 Silver, 3 Bronze

"The Lab" 6 September 1989 :

Purple red in colour. Sweet floral confectionery fruit on the nose with a vanillan oak background. The palate is medium bodied with sweet raspberry fruit flavours and a smooth tannin finish. The natural acid level is reasonably high ensuring good cellaring potential.

The Yalumba "Barrel Cellar" Tasting 1994:

Youthful cherry/brick red. Light lolly berry fruit on the nose with a sweet confectionery lift. Very fine palate structure. An elegant style recommended for drinking now.

The Yalumba "Barrel Cellar" Tasting November 2003:

Medium red in colour with brick hues, offers lifted sweet raspberry fruit aromas backed by a hint of perfume. A medium-bodied wine on the palate with attractive cherry/berry flavours supported by a firm acid backbone; finishes short with a modest length of persistence. 3 stars