



The Signature

DUDLEY WARD

VINTAGE 1987

Dudley Ward held the position of Vineyard Manager at Yalumba's Oxford Landing Estate from 1960 through to 1986. During these years, Dudley hosted many groups of visitors at the Estate's picnic ground on the Murray river banks.

The Label :

Signature Reserve. "Vintaged from the best growers of Cabernet Sauvignon in Coonawarra and Langhorne Creek and Shiraz from our own Barossa Vineyards, this wine befits the quality Australian red tradition of rich lifted sweet fruit and a powerful smokey cedar oak flavour, resulting from 21 months maturation in American oak hogsheads and barriques."

90% Cabernet from Barossa Valley, Langhorne Creek and Coonawarra, 10% Barossa Valley Shiraz

The Vintage: Cool, wet.

The Winemaker: Simon Adams

The Accolades: 3 Gold, 10 Silver, 15 Bronze

"The Lab" 17 July 1990 :

Deep cherry plum red in colour. The nose is very pungent showing rich, ripe, berry, vegetative fruit and a powerful smokey cedar oak background. These characters flow through to the palate, which has great volume and strength. The lingering vanillan oak sweetness is balanced with long tannins and a crisp acid which will ensure great longevity.

The Yalumba "Barrel Cellar" Tasting 1994:

Good cherry plum colour. Dense sweet nose with obvious Coonawarra Cabernet fruit backbone. Very lively and strong palate. Great weight and length with rich cassis flavours, toasty warm oak and firm tannins. Good potential.

The Yalumba "Barrel Cellar" Tasting November 2003:

Warm stewed berry fruit aromas backed by charray oak, pepper and mint notes. Fresh and vibrant in the mouth with nectarine and plum stone fruit flavours complemented by subtle herbaceous notes and smoky wood. A well-structured wine that is still "quite lively". 4½ stars