

The Signature



COLIN GERHARDY

VINTAGE 1988

Colin Gerhardy joined Yalumba in 1948 and is currently bottling supervisor at the Yalumba Winery, Angaston. Except for national service in the Australian Air Force in 1952, he keeps a watchful eye over the bottling line today, 44 years after commencing with Yalumba.

The Label :

Signature Reserve. "Vintaged from the best growers of Cabernet Sauvignon in both the Barossa and Coonawarra regions and old Shiraz growers from Lights Pass on the Barossa Valley floor. This wine befits the quality Australian dry red tradition of rich lifted sweet fruit and a powerful smokey cedar oak flavour, resulting from 25 months maturation in American oak hogsheads and barriques."

80% Cabernet Sauvignon from the Barossa Valley & Coonawarra, 20% Barossa Valley Shiraz

The Vintage: Warm, very dry.

The Winemaker: Simon Adams, Brian Walsh

The Accolades: 4 Gold, 11 Silver, 9 Bronze

"The Lab" 14 February 1991 :

The warm seasonal conditions of the 1988 vintage resulted in rich, ripe varietal Cabernet Sauvignon flavours. Deep plum red in colour, the nose has ripe berry aromas with warm smokey oak. The full flavoured palate is well balanced and shows a good integration of fruit and sweet toasty oak.

The Yalumba "Barrel Cellar" Tasting 1994:

Deep red plum. Very rich and dense nose showing powerful chocolate, mint, cassis and coffee mocha oak lift. Powerful firm palate, enormous structure and weight. Rich in tannins, the wine will age for at least 20 years.

The Yalumba "Barrel Cellar" Tasting November 2003:

Plenty of dark, chocolate aromas greet the nose, intermingled with the scent of ripe plum fruits. A complex wine on the palate with briary, meaty nuances allied to the rich mocha and brooding berry fruit flavours. A chunky style with plenty of tongue-coating tannin on the long, astringent finish. 4½ stars