

The Signature

PETER WALL

VINTAGE 1990

'The Signature' 1990 is named in honour of Peter John Wall, Wine and Vineyard Director. Like the wine inside this bottle, Peter is complex, amusing, urbane and erudite character who will improve gracefully with age. In 1964 he graduated from Roseworthy College and joined Yalumba as assistant winemaker. It was during this time that the exciting modern Australian wine industry was emerging. Peter Wall's contribution to the standards of quality and consistency and innovative viticultural and winemaking philosophies, are legend. A man who is fiercely committed to making the Australian wine industry better, Peter still finds time to share his skills and insights with all those who seek to be better at their chosen craft. He has been a driving force behind the quality vineyards that are the backbone of Yalumba today.

Peter commutes between Angaston and Adelaide where he lives with Judith and daughters Eloise and Cressida. He enjoys skiing, opera and bungee jumping, and as an Italophile, he is a genius in the kitchen.

Peter's one disappointment with life is that there is only 24 hours in each day. Peter Wall is a great character who enjoys life and living - we are proud that his name and reputation grace this label.

The Label :

The Signature . "Vintaged from the best growers of Cabernet Sauvignon in both the Barossa and Coonawarra regions and growers of old Shiraz 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 24 months maturation in American oak hogsheads and barriques."

65% Cabernet Sauvignon from Coonawarra & Barossa, 35% Barossa Valley Shiraz. In 1988, we embarked upon a 'mature' oak programme whereby staves are seasoned for extra time before coopering. The aim was to have Signature oak 5 years old before manufacture.

The Vintage: Cool to warm, dry.

The Accolades: 4 Gold, 11 Silver, 12 Bronze
Simon Adams, Brian Walsh

The Winemaker:

"The Lab" 7 December 1992

The powerful fruit base of the wine and the lovely sweet oak have meshed to make one of the most classic Signature red's since the late 1970's. Deep plum red in colour, the wine looks dense. Huge fruit lift with ripe sweet chocolatey aromas and coffee, mocha oak. Powerful, dense palate of great structure and length, this wine will reward cellaring for fifteen to twenty years.

The Yalumba "Barrel Cellar" Tasting 1994:

Dense red, almost black cherry. Very powerful chocolate plum aromas with background coffee mocha oak. Massive palate structure, sweet cassis berry flavours and dense rich tannins. A wine to be cellared long term.

The Yalumba "Barrel Cellar" Tasting November 2003:

Deep, dense red in colour. Powerful briary fruit aromas in the company of mocha and smoky oak. A full-bodied, youthful palate with lovely berry fruits supported by seamless oak. Lots of backbone, ample length with plenty of ageing to come. 4½ stars

