

# The Signature

**EDDIE WAECHTER**

**VINTAGE 1992**

*“The Signature” 1992 honours a man of the land, Alfa Edwin “Eddy” Waechter who has been supplying Yalumba with superb grapes for over 50 years. Eddy was born in the Barossa Valley on the 4th May, 1920, the only son of Christian Alfred and Augustina Wilhelmina Waechter. He was raised, with four sisters, on a small farm at Light Pass, where he still lives today, with his wife Rita.*

*After a brief scholastic career at Light Pass Public School, Eddy realised his dream of becoming a farmer “like my Dad”, at the tender age of 14. Except for the odd day of fishing on the Murray River, Eddy has toiled for a lifetime on his beloved block; cropping, tending livestock, vineyards, fruit trees and vegetables. His has been a hard physical life but he is as resolute as the gnarled, old Shiraz vines in the 1913 vineyard, “they are over 80 years old, the termites have eaten the inside out but the old buggers bear like buggery”.*

*After a days picking, Eddy still enjoys driving from Light Pass to Yalumba in his 1954 Chevrolet truck to oversee the crushing of his grapes. He always takes time for a chat and a schluck before heading home for tea. We are delighted to honour this hard-working and humorous Barossa Valley man for a life-time of service to Yalumba.*

**The Label :**

The Signature . This wine is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz from premium vineyards in the Barossa. The wine befits our quality Yalumba tradition, forged over 31 vintages, of rich, powerful ripe fruit and smoky, sweet oak flavours resulting from 23 months maturation in American oak hogsheads.

69% Cabernet Sauvignon from Barossa & Langhorne Creek & 31% Barossa Valley Shiraz

**The Vintage:** Very cool January & February, with heavy Autumn rains

**The Accolades:** 4 Trophy, 6 Gold, 7 Silver, 11 Bronze  
Simon Adams



**“The Lab” 18 December 1995 The Winemaker:**

Autumn rains caused concern but thankfully the heavens cleared and we again (3 years in a row) picked grapes in perfect balance. More Barossa fruit has been used in this blend due to its massive fruit strength and weight.

Thick blood, plum red in colour.

Rich powerful nose with a lot going on. Chocolate with sweet berry and plum aromas with a hint of licorice also.

Very big concentrated flavours. Lovely sweet middle palate and finishing with long tannins from both fruit and oak.

The best Signature since the late 70's and cellaring potential for 20 years.

**The Yalumba “Barrel Cellar” Tasting November 2003:**

Deep, dark red in colour. An intense, lifted nose crammed with plum and blackberry fruits intermingled with hints of chocolate and vanillin oak. This concentrated wine offers rich berry fruit flavours baked by toasty wood and a hint of spice; lovely length with finely textured tannins on the finish. 5 stars