



The Signature

BILL WILKSCH

VINTAGE 1993

The 1993 vintage honours Bill Wilksch, Manager of the Yalumba Oxford Landing Estate Vineyard at Qualco, on the banks of the Murray River. "I left school in Waikerie prematurely and had to decide between working for Dad on his block at Cadell, entering service with the Post Master General or striking out on my own. I chose the latter and started grape picking and vineyard duties with Yalumba on the 27th April, 1965. 30 odd years down the track, I've been rewarded with a great family and a great job, and I'm still living on the Murray in South Australia. I'm rapt in the way things have turned out!"

Thick set and powerfully built, Bill resembles an Australian Rules rover who has wagged training for several seasons. Despite his rough, tanned exterior, an astute, sensitive and humorous man lurks within. A hands on management style leaves little time for leisure but Bill is a keen angler, yabby trapper and one of South Australia's top sporting clay shooters. We are delighted to add Bill Wilksch to the list of Yalumba signatories.

The Label :

The Signature. This wine is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz from premium vineyards in the Barossa and McLaren Vale. The wine befits our quality Yalumba tradition, forged over 32 vintages, of rich, powerful ripe fruit and smoky, sweet oak flavours resulting from 26 months maturation in American oak hogsheads.

63% Cabernet Sauvignon from the Barossa & Southern Vales & 36% Barossa Valley Shiraz

The Vintage: Wet & cold Spring, mid-Summer rain.

The Accolades: 10 Gold, 7 Silver, 7 Bronze
Simon Adams

The Winemaker:

"The Lab" 29 May 1997

As with previous years, the core of "The Signature" utilises our great Barossa resource of old vineyards in both Cabernet and Shiraz. This year a tad of McLaren Vale Cabernet has been added which has further accentuated the chocolaty middle palate.

Colour - Very youthful. Deep plum cherry red.

Nose - Striking lift of ripe plums and prunes with creamy chocolate overtones and nutmeg oak characters.

Palate - Very tight with good power and balance of Cabernet and Shiraz. Youthful tannins help wrap up the blend and ensure longevity. Drink from 1999 to 2010.

The Yalumba "Barrel Cellar" Tasting November 2003:

A big wine on the nose, showing lots of spice, leather and mocha to complement the cassis aromas. Richly textured flavours evolve on the palate with a cabernet-derived minty note backed by plenty of spice and oak. Still a very fresh, vibrant wine. 4 stars