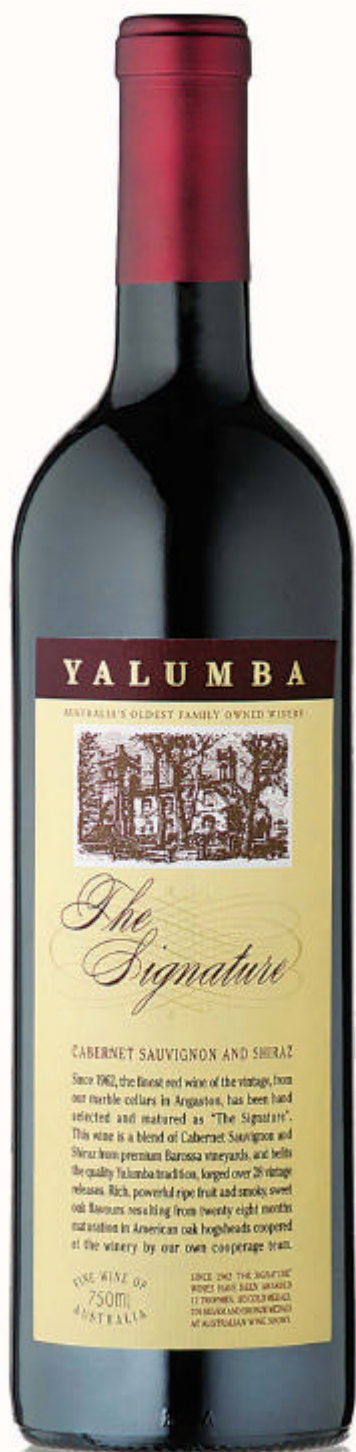


The Signature

ROSS WHITE

VINTAGE 1998



The Signature 1998 honours a man who has been a bastion of the Samuel Smith & Son sales force. Ross White joined the company in 1985 with no wine experience but a solid sales background. Ross recalls his first visit to Yalumba when he was asked whether he was passionate about wine. "I replied that I was passionate about sales, which is still true after 30 odd years of chasing targets," says Ross. "My interest in wine came later."

Raised in Perth's North Beach, Ross was, by his own admission, an average student so left school early and went to work to help his mother support the family. Sport was something he excelled at and it was through the surf club that Ross met his wife, Victoria, with whom he raised two sons, Mitchell and Clayton.

"Free enterprise and the notion that, with a liberal dose of hard work, you can be whatever you want has been my motivating force," says Ross. "Irishman, Jonathon Swift, wrote 'may you live all the days of your life'. If that is the measure of success in life, I consider myself a success."

The Label :

The wine is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz from premium Barossa vineyards, and befits the quality Yalumba tradition, forged over 31 vintage releases. Twenty two months maturation in American and French oak hogsheads crafted at the winery's own cooperage has contributed smoky, sweet oak characters that combine with ripe, powerful fruit to create a wine of distinction.

51% Cabernet Sauvignon & 49% Shiraz from the Barossa

The Vintage:

The growing season produced above average rainfall and a warm to hot summer, resulting in a slightly early onset of vintage.

The Accolades:

5 Gold, 7 Silver, 15 Bronze

The Winemaker:

Kevin Glastonbury

“The Lab” 28 August 2001

The Signature, our best of vintage Cabernet and Shiraz, excelled in 1998 and is destined to be of the very best.

Colour: Dense reds with purple hues.

Nose: Sweet rich blackcurrants, dark berry fruits and chocolates with lifted vanilla bean oak influence.

Palate: Dense, complex structure, rich fruits and licorice flavours underpinned with seamless oak extracts. A classic Signature.

Cellar Potential - 10+ years

The Yalumba “Barrel Cellar” Tasting November 2003:

A concentrated, briary nose with berry, spice and mocha aromas, the '98 shows integrated fruit and wood flavours on the palate notable for the elegant use of oak. A savoury, less fruit-sweet style with a firm acid backbone and a touch of alcohol warmth on the finish. 5 stars