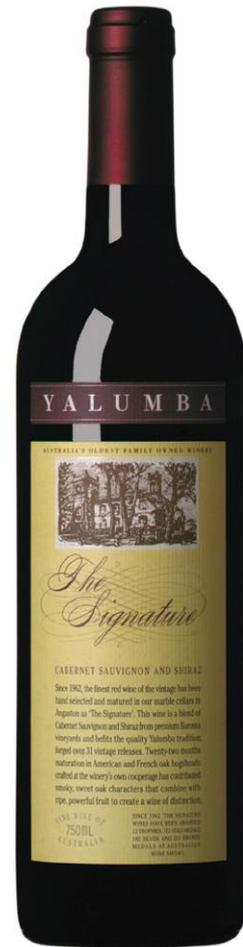


YALUMBA

The Signature Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2001

Beginning with the 1962 vintage, 'The Signature' wines of Yalumba have saluted the very best of the vintage. They also have acknowledged the skills and dedicated service of people who have enhanced the traditions and culture of Yalumba.

The Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz blend is a distinctively Australian style, and The Signature has set the benchmark for this iconic style, drawing heavily on Yalumba's great Barossa resource of Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz vineyards. Deep and intense - a wine made for longevity, very much 'The Signature' style.



THE SIGNATORY

Yalumba The Signature Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2001 honours Geoffrey R. Linton, Technical Manager, Yalumba. Corpulent and round he sits, carefully filling a spoonful of lemon curd tartlet, crème fraise and blackberry coulis, the pizza and scallops are long gone.

"So Geoff, why a lifetime fascination with matters scientific?"

"It's a fact of life that the most interesting things in the world are actually in the world of the sciences. Everything in my world has an answer, a solution. It's a fact of chemistry or physics or natural science. I find people infinitely more challenging plus I have a dreadful memory for names. Imagine me in sales. Human relations terrify me. Sparkling wine is still a great passion and right now I'm looking at ways to unlock more of the flavours of wine, the terpenes and thiols."

Geoff, loving husband to Ros and father to Sarah and Rachael and a mad motorcyclist to boot, has been the titan of technology at Yalumba and a key member of many Australian wine industry technical institutions for over 30 years. He loves good food and wine which he deserves and we happily provide!

"Shall we have a cheese plate or perhaps another pudding?" he enquires.

WINEMAKING / VITICULTURE

The 2000/2001 growing season was near to perfect. Much needed winter and spring rains filled the soils and the vines began their growth in close to ideal conditions. Flowering was even and was followed by a warm and dry ripening period.

Yalumba The Signature Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2001 is a dense, plummy red that shows all the hallmarks of a classic 'Signature' wine. Rich red currants, plums and berries abound on the nose with tobacco and black pepper, creamy mocha chocolates, with hints of mint and anise. The palate initially fills out with dark berry and forest fruit flavours, into a fleshy mid palate surrounded with firm yet fine tannins. The wine finishes with a mouthful of layered lingering tannins.

VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2001
Region	Barossa
Winemaker	Kevin Glastonbury
Harvested	March & April 2001
Oak Treatment	Matured for 20 months in 56% new hogsheads, (35% French, 21% American) 5% new American barriques, 11% 1 year old French hogsheads and 28% 2 year old American hogsheads and octaves.
Alc/Vol	13.5%
Total Acid	7.2 g/L
pH	3.4
Cellaring	Optimum drinking 8-12 years from vintage

