

the
Y A L U M B A
old vine charter

In Australia there is no definition in wine law to prescribe what constitutes an ‘old vine’, leaving it open to individual interpretation, or to possible indiscriminate or misleading use.

The Yalumba Old Vine Charter is dedicated to the recognition, preservation and promotion of these old vines. It is important to establish that whilst vine age may often be used as an indicator of potential quality it is not a prerequisite, just as variety, region or maker does not, by themselves, create a superior wine.

An **OLD VINE**

is defined as a vine equal or greater than *35 years of age*.

An **ANTIQUÉ VINE**

(or Very Old Vine) is defined as a vine equal or greater than *70 years of age*.

A **CENTENARIAN VINE**

(or Exceptionally Old Vine) is defined as a vine equal or greater than *100 years of age*.

A **TRI-CENTENARY VINE**

(or Very, Bloody Exceptionally Old Vine) is defined as a vine whose life has *spanned 3 centuries*.

For Yalumba this means from 2007 vintage any wine that uses ‘Old Vine’ nomenclature, either on a front label, back label, or in supporting documents or descriptions, will comply with the Yalumba Old Vine Charter.

In an era of rapid change in technology, lifestyle and interest in the “new” and the “now”, we hope that through this overdue initiative, recognition of our Australian viti-vini history, survival, heritage and provenance may be proclaimed and celebrated!



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