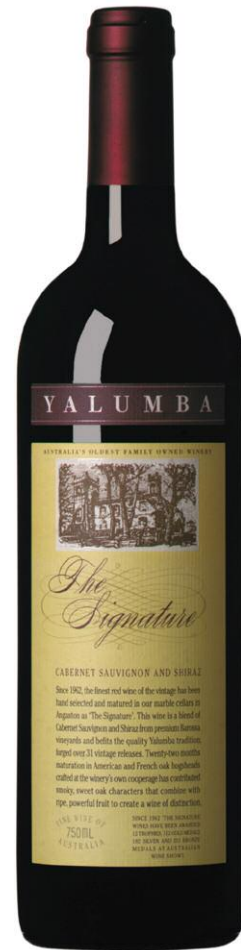


YALUMBA

The Signature Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 1999

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, the wine displays full palate weight with powerful fruit and soft American oak which was hand-coopered at Yalumba - a wine made for longevity, very much The Signature style.



THE SIGNATORY

The Signature 1999 honours John Edward Heine, 1944-2002, Director, Chairman, mentor and mate of Yalumba since 1986. On the international corporate stage for Sola International he was an astute and cunning commercial leader and crusader for global integration.

Away from the cut and thrust of business, he harboured a dream of involvement in areas of philanthropy and saw it as his prime focus in retirement. He revelled in the fellowship of wine, food and good company, always wearing a smile; then retreated to the solitude and tranquillity of any nearby wilderness to reflect and fish for trout on the fly.

An intent listener and razor sharp observer, we miss him. It is sad that we will not share this wine together. But we will indeed with Barb, Pete, Kate and Marc.

WINEMAKING / VITICULTURE

The 1999 vintage promised to be yet again of exceptional quality. The fruit for The Signature is sourced from some of the oldest Barossa Cabernet and Shiraz resources, producing small volumes of intensely powerful fruit. The blend consists of 56% Shiraz and 44% Cabernet. Yalumba's The Signature 1999 is dense red in colour with purple hues. The nose develops into plum and cedar with lifted dark cherries and violets, supported with spicy vanillin oak. The palate is big and rich with sweet fruit of plums, cherries and layered licorice and spices. Prominent tannins fill the middle palate with a firm finish, giving a very well structured palate built to last.

PRESS REVIEW / AWARDS

"95 points - A compelling offering ..."

Robert Parker Jr, The Wine Advocate (USA), 23 August 2003

VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	1999
Region	Barossa Valley
Winemaker	Kevin Glastonbury
Harvested	March-April 1999
Oak Treatment	22 months in American and French oak
Alc/Vol	14%
Total Acid	6.9 g/L
pH	3.35
Cellaring	10+ years

