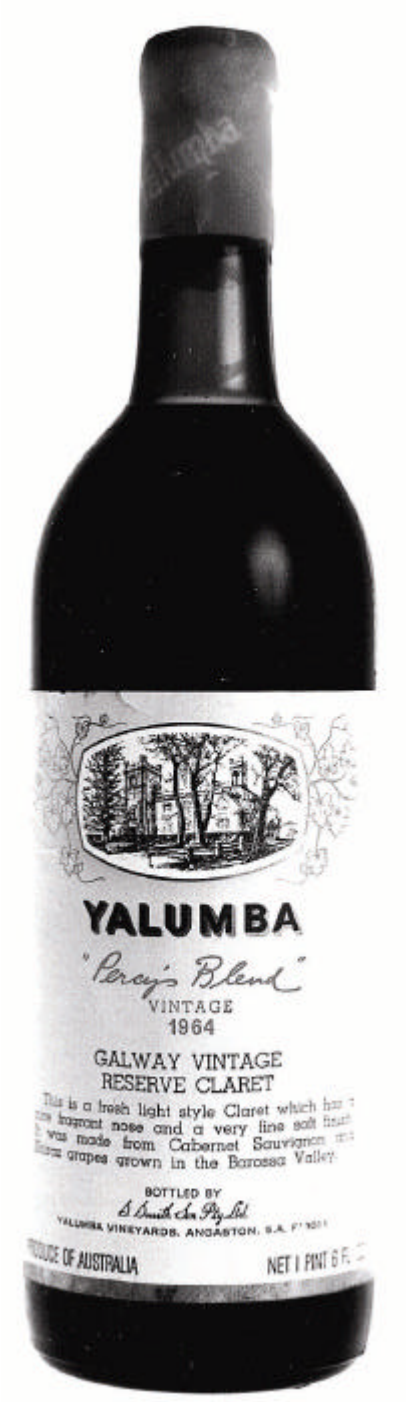

The Signature

PERCY SMITH VINTAGE 1964

Son of Sidney and brother of Walter "Tiger" Smith. Percy was in charge of winemaking and production at Yalumba until his retirement in 1923.

The Label :

Percy's Blend Galway Vintage Reserve Claret. "This is a fresh light style claret which has a nice fragrant nose and a very fine soft finish. It was made from Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz grapes grown in the Barossa Valley."

70% Shiraz and 30% Cabernet Sauvignon from the Barossa Valley. 12 months in French Nevers puncheons.

The Vintage: Warm to hot, dry

The Winemaker: Raymond Ward, Rudi Kronberger

The Accolades:

The Tasting - Wine & Spirit Buying Guide 1979:

"Big, though rather good, fruit with a nice degree of acid on the finish which is keeping it fresh. The mature full flavoured style which is drinking well at the moment."

"The Lab" 6 September 1989 :

Rich brown with tawny hues. A very warm and rich nose showing complex lifted fruit and sweet toasty oak integration. The palate has some European flavours and a firm tannin acid grip. Drinking well now and in the next 5 years.

The Yalumba "Barrel Cellar" Tasting 1994:

Brick red with chocolate tawny hues. Still showing a leafy almost vegetal fruit lift and sweet vanillan oak aromas. Full palate with very good sweetness, complexed by a hint of VA. Very enjoyable drinking now.

The Yalumba "Barrel Cellar" Tasting November 2003:

Mahogany brown in colour. Subtle red fruit notes are still evident on the nose along with a choc-caramel influence. A spicy wine on the palate that shows a solid oak influence with a firmer tannin backbone and longer finish than the 'Oliver Jenkinson' also made from vintage 1964. 3½ stars