



Made by Rolf Binder,
Barossa Valley Winemaker



The Analysis:

Alcohol:
14.0%

Acid: 6.23 / **pH:** 3.54

Oak:
Mix of French and
American 300lt
Hogsheads

**2018 SECTION 72
SHIRAZ**

100% BAROSSA VALLEY, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The Story:

The Hahn family were among the original pioneers to the Barossa Valley, and began growing grapes in 1845. In 1997 a partnership was formed between 6th generation family custodians and internationally respected winemaker, Rolf Binder, in producing the JJ Hahn range of wines. Launched in 1999, as a shared desire to showcase the family’s legacy of grape growing from a wonderful collection of Barossa old vine vineyards held in the family for generations. The range now encompasses small volumes of handmade wines, intended to be affordable and enjoyable to drink. Wines are crafted using fruit from a unique and expressive ‘old vine’ vineyard in the north-eastern region of the Barossa, owned, managed and worked by the Binder family.

The Vintage:

After reasonable winter and spring rainfall, soil moisture was adequate during the 2018 growing season and the Barossa’s vineyards were exhibiting healthy canopies heading into summer. Jan and Feb were warm and dry, with very warm temperatures in Feb slowing down the pace of ripening, allowing good flavour to develop more slowly. The warm, dry Summer extended throughout the harvest season until the end of April. Overall yields were 10-20% down, but quality high.

The Winemaking:

The grapes are harvested from Binder estate Shiraz with very small percentages of Merlot, Grenache and Cinsault parcels added for complexity. Each parcel of grapes is crushed and fermented in open fermenters. The fermentation is completed in tank before the wine is racked to barrel. The wine was then aged in a selection of older French and American oak for 18 months before blending and bottling.

The Taste and Experience:

A medium bodied, full-flavoured classic is the promise behind the vibrant, brick red colour. Notes of tea leaf, cedar, sweet berries, spice, chocolate and cigar box aromas fill the glass.

Ripe black forest fruits and spice are balanced by rounded tannins and seamless structure. The palate reflects the nose with flavours of cedar, stewed fruit and cigar box. Fine drying tannins. A pleasant lingering finish with restrained oak notes of mocha and tobacco. A bright and juicy palate, with good depth of flavour and layers of fruit. A very tight wine that is complex but not confusing.

Drink to 2026.

