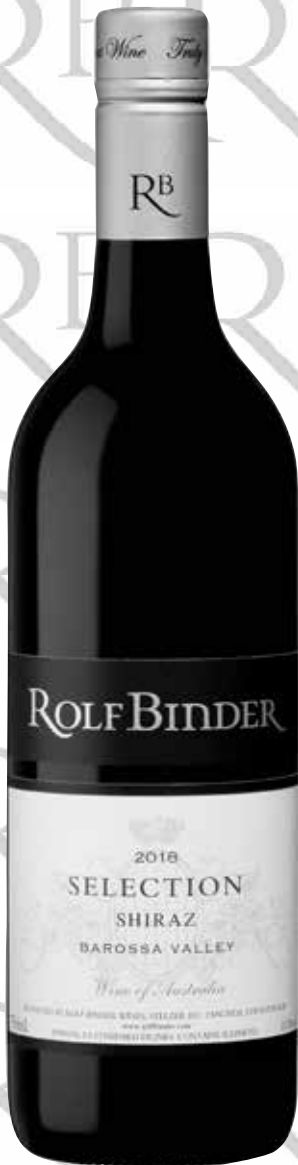




ROLF BINDER

BAROSSA VALLEY



*"You can't go wrong with an easy-drinking, classic Barossa Shiraz at a good price and this one has proven to hit the mark very well!"*

*- Rolf Binder*

# 2018 'Selection' Shiraz

*Winemaker: Rolf Binder*

Second generation winemakers, Rolf Binder and Christa Deans are highly regarded for their skill and commitment to producing premium quality Barossa Valley wines. The philosophy of all Rolf Binder wines is to let the vineyard tell its own story.

#### THE VINEYARDS:

Fruit is sourced from a selection of Barossa Valley Shiraz vineyards contributed fruit with varying characteristics and add a nice complexity to this wine. The vineyards in the northern region of the Barossa are known for adding depth and weight to a wine, while the vineyards in the Marananga bowl give the wine power and length.

#### 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 Shiraz was picked over a period of three weeks. All batches were crushed individually, using traditional pump over or heading downboards during the fermentation process. After pressing the grapes, the separate free run juice and pressings are blended back together. Maturation was done in a majority of shaven American and French oak hogshead barrels. The use of this oak was chosen to add a texture of oak to the wine to balance the wonderful natural fruit flavours that the 2018 vintage provided.

**ANALYSIS:** Alc. Vol 14.2%, Acidity 6.18, PH 3.48

#### THE PROFILE:

This deep cherry red wine fills the glass with aromas reminiscent of sweet red berries. Dark cherries enhanced with licorice, cassis, hints of vanilla and blueberries on the medium bodied palate. Ripe tannins and complex acidity lend to the overall perception of a smooth, approachable red wine, with a nice persistence of flavour that lingers well on the palate.

#### CELLARING:

Made to enjoy now or till at least 2025.

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