

The Yalumba Wine Company



1849 - 2006

Samuel Smith, hailed from Wareham, Dorset where he was a Master Brewer by trade. In 1847, bound for South Australia, he boarded the ship 'China' and founded The Yalumba Wine Company in 1849. He named his property 'Yalumba' an aboriginal word meaning 'all the land around'.

Six generations and more than 150 years later, Yalumba is Australia's oldest family owned winery. Proud of its heritage, Yalumba upholds traditions such as the crafting of oak barrels. Yalumba is one of very few wineries in the world to enjoy the privilege of its own on-site cooperage.

Still family owned and fiercely independent, the Yalumba of today is an extremely progressive organisation. Ongoing winemaking and viticultural trials continue to build on Yalumba's reputation for innovation.

The winery's pioneering work with the rare grape variety, Viognier, is a success story that originated in the Yalumba Nursery. Having first planted Viognier in 1980, Yalumba is now recognised as the leader of this variety in the Southern Hemisphere with their flagship Viognier, 'The Virgilius', leading the way.

With the experience of over 150 years comes the confidence to dare to be different and challenge the status quo, in pursuit of the extra dimensions that set Yalumba wines apart.

Yalumba draws on the Barossa's limited and unique old vine resource to create 'The Octavius', widely acknowledged as one of Australia's great Shiraz wines.

The Yalumba Barossa Bush Vine Grenache is a great example of a wine that declares itself Barossa born and bred. Yalumba is fortunate to have a resource of old gnarly Bush Vines, some of which were planted in 1889, producing low yields of Grenache that are classic in style, with depth and concentrated flavour.

Remaining steadfast in its commitment to a truly Australian wine style, the Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz blend, are two Yalumba wines – 'The Reserve' and 'The Signature' - both are acknowledged as international benchmarks for the style.

With success intrinsically linked to the land, Yalumba is acutely aware of how its presence impacts the environment. Looking to the future, Yalumba is creating a sustainable business in which responsible environmental practice is integrated into everyday activities.