

October

New World Winery of the Year

Wine Enthusiast Magazine US names Yalumba New World Winery of the Year. "Yalumba has become one of the country's most progressive and successful wine producers for their forward-thinking, innovative leadership in the Australian wine industry and an unflagging commitment to quality and family ownership."

WINE ENTHUSIAST

Signature Style

Gourmet Traveller WINE celebrates the history of The Signature following a gathering of Signatories mid year. Writer Nick Ryan captured a rare evening rich in anecdotes and genuine friendships. "The Signature is much more than just a wine. It is a repository of stories."



Say hello to your "Quaff"ing Wine of the Year

Peter Forrestal named Yalumba Y Series Shiraz Viognier 2008 the Quaff 2010 'Wagyu Steak and Chips' Red Wine of the Year, The 2010 Oberon Kant Award for The Quintessential Quaffer, and The Ultimate Australian Wine under \$15 in Quaff 2010. "Andy La Nauze and the team at Yalumba do a fantastic job – the consistency and sheer quality of the Y Series wines at their price point is something to be marvelled at."



If it's a good wine, "it's a good year"

Nick Stock, author of The Penguin Good Australian Wine Guide, unveils Yalumba as Winery of the Year. "Awarded for all-round performance, Yalumba is a winery that has proved it can succeed in virtually any style and price point with an across-the-board track record that is the envy of the entire industry. Its influence on the position of Australian wine internationally is one to be closely watched in the year ahead."

November

Never too old

Pablo Picasso once said, "It takes a long time to grow young".

On November 17 Yalumba celebrated an unprecedented industry milestone when it marked 160 years of family winemaking. Today Yalumba is a thriving private agribusiness and an internationally recognised leader in the Australian wine industry. For fifth generation vigneron, Robert Hill Smith, his vision is clear, and that is "to remain innovative and to be internationally recognised as the finest independent winemaker in Australia."

Viva Viognier

James Halliday reviews Yalumba The Virgilius his No. 1 Viognier in the TOP 100 Australian Wines for 2009 in The Weekend Australian Magazine. "The Virgilius outguns every other Viognier in Australia ... the most remarkable features is its depth of white peach and apricot flavour - 96 points."



Looking towards the Future

Yalumba is again recognised for its environmental stewardship when announced winner of the "Sustainability Award 2009" at the SA Great 10th Annual Regional Awards – "for outstanding achievement and significant contribution demonstrating excellence in regional leadership within the Barossa."

December

FDR1A is 'THE' Great Australian Red

FDR1A Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2006 is top trophy winner in The Great Australian Red Competition where Cabernet Sauvignon & Shiraz is described as "the blend that defines Australia." "Yalumba (has been) a champion of this blend for decades and a trophy winner in every year of the competition ... this is a fitting result" writes co-collaborators Tyson Stelzer and Matthew Jukes.

"Class and Culture, Living and Laughing"

WBM and Barossa Living both celebrate Yalumba's culture, leadership, people and wines in their December issues. WBM spent "an hour" with Robert Hill Smith - "We have the best winemaking resource, the best vineyards and I think some of the most outstanding wines ... celebrating success is a big part of our culture." Barossa Living got up-close and personal with a great group of characters from the Winery, sharing genuine stories about being part of the extended Yalumba family.



TALK EAT LIVE LAUGH

Share Yalumba 2009

A snapshot of Yalumba – a year in review



share
YALUMBA
AUSTRALIA'S OLDEST FAMILY OWNED WINERY

January

"Stars"

Robert Hill Smith and Louisa Rose are named in the Top 50 Stars of the Australian Wine Industry 2008 by WBM magazine, following "that" great night for Yalumba when they received the "Len Evans Leadership Award" and "Winemaker of the Year Award", respectively, by Gourmet Traveller WINE magazine.



Robert & Louisa

IMW Scholar

Yalumba continues its commitment to providing "on-ground experience" to studying wine enthusiasts when immersing 2009 Scholar Mark Janes in the Barossa for a weeklong programme. Mark was the recipient of the "Yalumba Scholarship" with the Institute of Masters of Wine - the world's leader in wine education.

February

A fitting start to the '09 Show season

Yalumba receives "The Jones, Steains and Waller Perpetual Trophy" for "Most Successful Exhibitor in Varietal Classes" at Sydney Royal Wine Show, which resonates the strength and depth across all of Yalumba.

Words from the critics

Peter Forrestal, Australia's Wine Communicator of the Year in 2008, writes in Gourmet Traveller WINE magazine, "Yalumba is now performing stunningly in all segments of the market" and kick starts an amazing year of reviews and words of support from our media friends.



March

Yalumba "Covergirl"

'Dash' the Cooper's dog adorns the front cover of The World of Fine Wine, Issue 25 - a globally respected quarterly publication that is "not dominated by fad or fashion, nor one individual's palate, nor the latest over-hyped wines."



The Wine Room on show

Yalumba Wine Room is a leading destination for many travellers and tasters on their pilgrimage to Barossa, and is a highlight in the Barossa regional feature of Gourmet Traveller



WINE. "In winter, your welcome is made warmer by the roaring fire, above which hangs a John Kelly painting of Phar Lap on his back with his legs in the air, whether in rigor mortis or fallen down drunk is anybody's guess."

April

Celebration of a community

The Barossa Vintage Festival is celebrated and Yalumba hosts its lauded Harvest Market with friends Matt Skinner, Tobi Puttock, Nick Ryan, 40 regional producers and 9,000 visitors for a two-day quality celebration of food, produce, wine, art, history and people.

Yalumba wines 1st prize in the Festival Grand Parade, Winery Section, featuring 160 employees, families and pets, birthday cake and party poppers trekking the traditional 8KM parade path between Nuriootpa and Tanunda.



Barossa Vintage Festival

Viognier vs Nigella?

Y Series Viognier makes Max Allen's short list in the UK magazine BBC Good Food and likens the wine to Nigella Lawson - "voluptuous, rich and just too irresistible that one would find oneself drinking it straight from the bottle." A good wine for the dinner table - and the imagination...

May

Reds on a Roll

The BIG RED Wine Book by Campbell Mattinson and Gary Walsh rolls out eight first rate red wine reviews, high scores and exceptional quality ratings for Yalumba, including No.1 in the TOP100 RED Wines @ \$20 or Under for 'Yalumba The Scribbler' and the Authors Choice award for Yalumba Patchwork Shiraz.



It's about integrity

Yalumba's Single Site collection of wines, The Old Vine Charter and The Reserve Charter cause "a lot of people who take Australian wine for granted to think again" as chronicled by leading UK publication Decanter - quite simply, the world's most read wine magazine.

June

The next big thing

Max Allen writes in The Weekend Australian Magazine "Yalumba and winemaker Louisa Rose are the future in Australian winemaking. What ever the Next Big Thing turns out to be, Louisa Rose will probably be the one who makes it."

The world's stage

A four-trophy haul for Yalumba as the International Wine Challenge UK reinforces Yalumba's depth and diversity as a leader in Australian winemaking.

Triple-trophy win for Yalumba The Signature Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2005 - Best Australian Red, Best South Australian Red, and Best Barossa Red - and trophy for Yalumba Eden Valley Viognier 2008 for Best Eden Valley Viognier.

July

A humble leader

Robert Hill Smith, fifth generation vigneron and Yalumba proprietor receives the Rabobank Leadership Award 2009. "Under Robert's stewardship, Yalumba has emerged as one of Australia's greatest wine industry success stories ... his leadership and foresight has overseen an era of innovation and growth that has taken Yalumba from a solid family business operation into a significant, progressive international success."



Robert Hill Smith

Gnarly bush vines steal the show again...and again

Yalumba Barossa Bush Vine Grenache wins Trophy for Best Alternative Red Variety at The Queensland Wine Show, and will go on to win a further two trophies later in the year at the Adelaide Royal Wine Show for Best Grenache & Blend in the wine professional and wine consumer categories.

Hail Halliday

Yalumba is rated a FIVE STAR winery in James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2010. "An outstanding winery regularly producing wines of exemplary quality and typicity ... a serious player at the top end of full-bodied (and full-blooded) Australian reds."

August

Celebrate with a 'Cigar'

The inaugural Yalumba 'The Cigar' Cabernet Sauvignon 2006 from Coonawarra is released, a sibling to the rare and fine Yalumba 'The Menzies'. Acclaim follows three months later with a TRIPLE trophy win at the Limestone Coast Wine Show: best cabernet sauvignon, best red wine and best wine of show. Judge and wine critic Huon Hooke recorded The Cigar as "a complete wine" in his judging book and "wine of the week" review in Good Living.



Australia's First Families of Wine

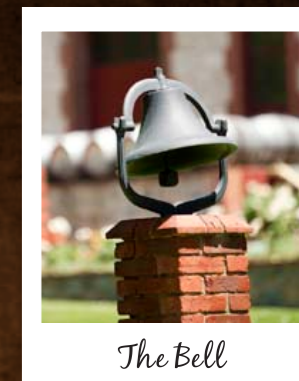
Twelve of the most celebrated Australian wine families launch a global initiative for the Australian wine industry - Australia's First Families of Wine.

As Australia's oldest family owned wine company, Yalumba is an apt member of this marketing initiative, standing alongside iconic family winemakers including Jim Barry, Henschke and Howard Park.

"The challenges for Australia are clear enough. What Australia's First Families of Wine can and will do is turn words into actions, ambitions into concrete results." James Halliday.

Ring the bell

A commitment to "knowledge, service and friendship" was recognised and celebrated when Samuel Smith & Son, Yalumba's distribution business, is named 2009 Liquor Supplier of the Year at the Australian Liquor Industry Awards. This is an outstanding result that recognises the hard work and tremendous effort in being responsive to the customers' needs by all members of staff - from front line salespeople to customer service through to warehouse teams.



The Bell

September

Success at home

Teamwork, patience, consensus and innovation delivers five trophies and 10 gold medals at the 2009 Barossa Wine Show. Yalumba The Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon & Shiraz 2006 alone takes three trophies: Most Outstanding Wine, Most Outstanding Red Wine and Best Dry Red of the Show. "Yalumba's expertise with the great Australian blend of Cabernet and Shiraz turned heads, triumphing over the straight shiraz wines of the Barossa that normally take best red of the show" says winemaker Kevin Glastonbury.

Best of Show

A trio of trophies for Yalumba at the 5th New Zealand International Wine Show saw Yalumba dominate 'The Champions List', taking home the leading number of trophies awarded to an individual wine maker and announced "Best of Show".