



Made by Rolf Binder
Barossa Valley



The Analysis:

Alcohol: 14.3%

Acid: 6.97

pH: 3.43

Oak:
65/35 mix of French
and American 300lt
Hogsheads

2018 HOMESTEAD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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 (James and Jackie Hahn) and Barossa winemaker, Rolf Binder, to produce the JJ Hahn range of wines. The range now encompasses small volumes of classic red wines, intended to be extremely good value and enjoyable to drink. Wines are crafted using fruit from unique and expressive 'old vine' vineyards in various sub regions of the Barossa, owned, managed and worked solely 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:

Three separate Binder Estate Cabernet vineyards in the Barossa Valley's Light Pass and Vine Vale sub regions produce fruit similar in structure and complexity with slight differences in tannins, however each plot has quite differing flavour profiles and concentration levels. Once picked, the grapes are all made into separate wine batches and then the best barrels are selected to match the individual style of our 'Homestead' wine. The wine was matured in a selection of French (65%) and American (35%) oak barrels for 16 months. The separate barrels were then blended together to create the final blend, then bottled without filtration.

The Taste and Experience:

Lovely vibrant purple colour. Aromas of sweet black currants, blackberry and cassis, with just a hint of sweet oak from the use of American oak.

The palate is ripe and concentrated with a wall of gripping, yet soft tannins. Hallmark varietal black berry fruits fill the mouth evenly, with subtle herb notes of clove and tomato leaf, adding interest and complexity. Shows a nice long persistence of flavour.

This is an extremely enjoyable and very approachable release of the 'Homestead' Cabernet Sauvignon from a great year overall. Drink over the next 5-8 years.

