



PRODUCER PROFILE

Estate owned by: Robert Hill-Smith
Winemaker: Louisa Rose
Total acreage under vine: 650
Estate founded: 1849
Region: South Australia
Country: Australia

Yalumba Museum Antique Tawny N/V

WINE DESCRIPTION

Yalumba first began making wines at the Angaston winery more than 167 years ago, and the production of fortified wines has long been part of that history. Today, Yalumba maintains its reputation for premium quality fortified wines by occasionally releasing very small parcels of show reserve stocks. This velvety wine is blended from antique barrels of our very best tawny, and laid down in our historic cellars over many years. The aging process evaporates a tiny angel's share every year leaving a rich, concentrated wine with a nutty character.

Made over five decades ago, the original wines were blended from old-vine varieties such as Shiraz, Grenache, Mourvèdre and Muscadelle. Since 1985, the use of Portuguese fortified varieties Touriga, Tinta Cao and Tinta Molle has added complexity to the blend, bringing finesse and elegance to this wine.

The grapes are crushed and fermented on skins for several days to extract the fruit flavours and to build palate texture. After draining and pressing off skins, the fermentation is arrested by fortification with brandy spirit. The vintage wines are then put aside into small oak barrels to mature over time, developing the classic tawny characters of chocolate, caramel and wood aged nuttiness. After many years of maturation, a selection of older and younger wines are judiciously blended to produce wines of complexity, balance of fruit and aged characteristics.

TASTING NOTES

Amber tawny in colour with an olive green hue, exhibiting aromas of rich toffee and caramels, sweet figs, chocolate, caramel and licorice spices with elegant brandy spirit and hints of nutty wood aged complexity. The palate is richly flavoured featuring caramel crème brûlée with fine spirit characters and lingering flavours of dried fruits and nuts. The texture is sweet and smooth with roundness from the wood maturation and brandy spirit filling out the middle palate, providing the firm, drying finish. This is an outstanding dessert wine.

FOOD PAIRING

Serve with stilton or hard cheddar; baked figs and pistachio ice cream; or ginger flavoured pudding

VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO

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| Vineyard name: | Multiple Vineyards |
| Soil composition: | Multiple soils |
| Elevation: | 150-1,200 feet |
| Certified Organizations: | ISO14001; Entwine Australia |
| Sustainability Certification: | EPA Accredited Sustainability Licence |

WINEMAKING & AGING

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| Fermentation container: | Stainless steel tanks |
| Malolactic fermentation: | no |
| Type of aging container: | Barriques and Hogsheads |
| Length of aging before bottling: | 12 years |
| Prefermentation technique: | Cold soak |

ANALYTICAL DATA

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| Alcohol: | 19% |
| pH level: | 3.5 |
| Residual sugar: | 198 g/L |
| Acidity: | 6.4 g/L |

