



PRODUCER PROFILE

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

Yalumba Distinguished Sites The Steeple 2016

WINE DESCRIPTION

Drawn from a distinguished vineyard in the hamlet of Light Pass, The Steeple Shiraz is a true single vineyard wine. This wine is from biodynamically grown, low yielding centenarian vines planted in 1919. In the shadow of the Light Pass Immanuel Lutheran Church steeple, the roots of these old vines run deep into the ancient Barossa soils, yielding intensely flavored Shiraz grapes to create a wine of richness, texture, concentration and length.

Sourced from Yalumba's Steeple vineyard at Light Pass on the Barossa Valley floor, this old block of Shiraz was planted in 1919 on its own roots in fine, sandy loam, red-brown earth. This soil is well drained and consists of a marked contrast in texture between the surface soil and the subsoil. The 1.34 hectare vineyard sits at an elevation of 280 meters above sea level. The old vines, planted at 3-meter spacings in north south rows are trained with 4 rods on two wires which ensures an even distribution of bunches along the trellis. Matured for 15 months in 20% new French oak barriques, balance in older French oak barriques.

TASTING NOTES

The nose is immersed in blueberries and plums leading into very inviting red spices, cranberries and pomegranate. Medium to full-bodied, it is generous with plump fruits and dark cherries. Textural, intriguing and velvety smooth.

FOOD PAIRING

Slow roast lamb with cinnamon, fennel and citrus or wild mushroom ragù and creamy polenta.

VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO

Production area/appellation: Barossa Valley

ANALYTICAL DATA

Alcohol:	14%
pH level:	3.58
Acidity:	6 g/L

