

Natalie Cleghorn



Nat personifies two of Yalumba's greatest passions – wine and horse racing. A former track rider at the neighbouring Hayes family, Natalie joined Yalumba in 1999.

Initially employed in the laboratory, Nat took on winemaking studies through Charles Sturt University, joining the winemaking team in 2006 and graduating in 2009.

Along with working for many years at Yalumba, Nat has had experience winemaking across a number of the Hill Smith Family Vineyards, from Oxford Landing, through to the handcrafted artisan winemaking at Dalrymple. She has also undertaken a vintage in the world famous Priorat region in Spain, honing her skills with Garnacha and Carignan.

A passion for premium handcrafted red wines has seen Nat develop a sense of patience and faith in the ability of great fruit to become outstanding wine.

Vintage 2017 saw Natalie increase her influence over some of Yalumba's iconic wines as she became responsible for making Yalumba's Coonawarra Collection wines including The Menzies Cabernet Sauvignon.

Nat is a graduate of the prestigious Len Evans Tutorial, and has judged wine shows around the country including the Hobart, Adelaide, Riverland, Margaret River, Limestone Coast and Barossa Wine Shows, as well as the Adelaide Hot 100, Great Australian Red in 2015 and James Halliday Cabernet Challenge in 2016. In 2019 Nat was a finalist in the Women in Wine Winemaker of the Year award.