

# 2009 Power of One Shiraz

*Produced by the Old Plains Wine Co. - Domenic Torzi & Tim Freeland*

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*Philip White Indaily South Australia Oct 2011  
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*93 Points +++*

THOSE determined amigos, Domenic Torzi and Tim Freeland, make this jewel from ancient vineyards that have somehow survived among the disgusting ghetto rash of the North Adelaide Plains.

Fifty-plus-year-old Shiraz from Angle Vale, Evanston Gardens and Gawler River be here, at an average of just 2.5 kilograms of fruit per vine. Befitting such rustic, almost forgotten pedigrees, the wine’s been made gently with lots of whole berries and bunches and whatever yeast was on the skins and in the air; ferment finished in barrels: mainly old French barriques, but a few new ones made from tight-grained Russian oak. I trust Peter Goers will forgive me for suggesting the wine smells darkly of lignite as a result of all the above, but that’s supported by a deep welling swirl of glowering dark fruits, and dried figs and kalamata and what not. It’s glorious, old-fashioned wine of bare-faced honesty and purity, and nothing like anything that oozes from a refinery, or from the hands of industrial chemists in hi-vis vests and safety helmets.

Like many of its predecessors, it reminds me of the velvet-and-syrup wines Max Schubert made from those same Old Plains, and it will age in the same noble manner as they did. But if this was a Penfolds wine, you’d be paying at least twice this much for it.

Into it!

*Campbell Mattinson The Wine Front Oct 2011  
Old Plains Power of One Old Vine Shiraz 2009*

*93 Points*

It’s a pretty raunchy shiraz. Slippery smooth, oak-struck, spicy and earthen and packed with a Xmas pudding-like fruit richness. For all this it remains fresh and highly drinkable. Dark berries, plums, sawdusty oak. Succulent is the word, despite the saucy oak. Once it integrates properly it will be a ripper.

