

TASTING NOTE

Name of Winery Wine Vintage Region of Fruit Source Sub-Regions Specific Vineyard Soil

Trellis System Varietal Blend Winemaker(s) Alc/vol pH TA Age of Vines Yield per acre Total Production

Old Plains Wine Co. Power of One Shiraz 2012 Adelaide Plains Angle Vale, Hillier, Penfield Gardens Gallarello, Manno, Noto Red clay over limestone. Sandy alluvium. Single wire Shiraz Domenic Torzi / Tim Freeland 14 % 3.59 6.26q/L 50 years 2 tonnes per acre 250 cases

## The Craft

Whole berry, partial wild ferment in small open top fermenters with soft pump overs and minimal hand plunging. Basket pressed with ferment finishing off in barrel. Matured for 22 months in 100% French oak. One racking prior to unfiltered bottling.

## Vintage Comments

2012 vintage was a welcome return to what we would consider normal conditions following the damp of 2011. Bud burst and flowering was slighty early across the region. Higher than average November & December rains produced good canopy growth, sheltering the vines during a hot January. The heat eased during February allowing slow and even ripening. Fruit yields were generally down and harvesting was completed at the optimal time. Overall, very high quality, plenty of power and great fruit flavours and intensity.

## Vineyard Notes

A classic selection of Adelaide Plains old vine vineyards each bringing its own personality. Starting at Hillier along the banks of the Gawler River we have 50 year old vines sited in Alluvium soils. Heading southwest to Angle Vale & Penfield Gardens, classic Australian grape growing territory, 50 year old vines pocketed in thick-set red clay and loams

## Tasting note

One of the best of its releases, showing that 2012 really was a tremendous vintage. Exhibits heady aromatics of sweet baking spices, earth and dark chocolate coated berries. Flavours continue to the palate with smoked cured meats, ripe raspberries and licorice. Finishing long, juicy with ripe fine tannins. Cellar potential 10 years.

