



TASTING NOTE

Name of Winery	Old Plains Wine Co.
Wine	Longhop Cabernet Sauvignon
Vintage	2013
Region of Fruit Source	Mt Lofty Ranges
Sub-Regions	Hillier, Uleybury
Specific Vineyard	French, Hull
Soil	Sandy loam, alluvium. Limestone and quartz
Trellis System	Single wire
Varietal Blend	Cabernet Sauvignon
Winemaker(s)	Domenic Torzi / Tim Freeland
Alc/vol	14 %
pH	3.56
TA	6.83g/L
Age of Vines	15 - 50+ years
Yield per acre	3 tonnes per acre
Total Production	1000 cases

The craft

Whole berry ferment in small open top fermenters with soft pump overs and gentle hand plunging. Basket pressed with ferment finishing off in barrel. Matured for 12 months in seasoned French oak. One racking prior to unfiltered bottling.

Vintage Comments

Across the board 2013 was an outstanding vintage in many ways. In terms of quality it will rate extremely high, in terms of fruit timing it produced some of our earliest picking on record, in terms of weather conditions one of the driest and coolest for a long time.

Our Adelaide Plains and Mt Lofty Ranges vineyards really stood up to the dry conditons, yields were approx 15% down, quality was up and no instance of disease, damaged or stressed fruit were recorded. Vintage commenced Feb 13 with the 'Plains shiraz, fruit came thick and fast over the next four weeks in a compact crushing season. Old Vine grenache harvest Feb 16, earliest on record. The last block of One Tree Hill shiraz, March 9, finishing March 10 with Lenswood Pinot Gris.

Vineyard Notes

Two standout vineyards provide fruit for our Longhop Cabernet Sauvignon. At Hillier 50 year old vines sited in sandy loams and alluvium soils give us some typical old vine punch. Heading southeast to the foothills at Uleybury altitudes reaching 300 metres, our vineyard clings to thin topsoils on limestone and quartz outcrops adding firmness and grip.

Tasting note

Immediately recognisable as Cabernet Sauvignon. Blackcurrant, Mulberry, distinctive earth and spice. Lashings of full flavoured fruit swoon across the palate as fine, extended tannins draw out the long and savoury lip smacking gum sucking finish. This wine will develop beautifully over time.