



TASTING NOTE

Name of Winery	Old Plains Wine Co.
Wine	Longhop Old Vine Grenache
Vintage	2013
Region of Fruit Source	Mt Lofty Ranges
Sub-Regions	Hillier
Specific Vineyard	Manno
Soil	Alluvium, grey loams over limestone
Trellis System	Single wire
Varietal Blend	Grenache
Winemaker(s)	Domenic Torzi / Tim Freeland
Alc/vol	14.50 %
Age of Vines	50+ years
Yield per acre	3 tonnes per acre

The craft

Whole berry ferment in one ten tonne open top fermenter. Soft pump overs and minimal hand plunging, on skins for seven days. Basket pressed with ferment finishing off in barrel. Matured for 22 months in seasoned French and American oak. Two rackings prior to 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 conditions, 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

50 year old vines at Hillier along the banks of the Gawler River sited in Alluvium soils.

Tasting note

Medium red cherry coloured, exhibits savoury and spice aromas, silky palate, flavours in the brighter red spectrum followed by hints of cloves & dark chocolate, it continues to build, dark and full of old vine power with fine tannins drawing out the long satisfying finish. And you think, why does this have to end?