



TASTING NOTE

Name of Winery	Old Plains Wine Co.
Wine	Longhop Shiraz
Vintage	2013
Region of Fruit Source	Mt Lofty Ranges
Sub-Regions	Angle Vale, Hillier, Bibaringa, Medlow Ridge, One Tree Hill.
Specific Vineyard	Manno, Noto, Ryder, Hull
Soil	Red clay over limestone. Alluvium. Ironstone and quartz
Trellis System	Single wire
Varietal Blend	Shiraz
Winemaker(s)	Domenic Torzi / Tim Freeland
Alc/vol	14 %
Age of Vines	15 - 50+ years
Yield per acre	3 tonnes per acre
Total Production	2000 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 17 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

A selection of vineyards across the plains and ranges each bringing its own micro climate and personality to the wine. Along the banks of the Gawler River we have 50 year old vines sited in sandy Alluvium soils. Heading southwest to Angle Vale, classic Australian grape growing territory, 50 year old vines and newer plantings pocketed in thick-set red clay and loams over broken limestone bases. Heading east to the foothills, altitudes reaching 300 metres along the Medlow Ridge, vineyards cling to steep slopes on pure limestone, quartz and occasional ironstone outcrops.

Tasting note

Generous and comforting from the first aromatics to the last lick of velvety tannins. It glides from red to black berries with lifted notes of spice. Luscious mouth feel, as it gently travels the palate. Tannins firm up, pulling the wine together as it rides a beautiful varietal line across an enduring and lasting finish. Lip-smacking.