



## TASTING NOTE

Name of Winery	Old Plains Wine Co.
Wine	Longhop Cabernet Sauvignon
Vintage	2014
Region of Fruit Source	Mt Lofty Ranges
Sub-Regions	Hillier, Uleybury
Specific Vineyard	French, Hull
Soil	See vineyard notes below
Trellis System	Single wire
Varietal Blend	Cabernet Sauvignon
Winemaker(s)	Domenic Torzi / Tim Freeland
Alc/vol	14.5 %
Age of Vines	15 - 50+ years
Yield per acre	3 tonnes per acre
Total Production	1000 cases

### The craft

Hand picked fruit using 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

2014 certainly presented its challenges. But the ability of grape growers, full time vigneron and winemakers to rise to the challenge has presented us with an amazing vintage.

Good winter and early spring rains filled the soils. However a windy mid/late spring with uneven fruit set and an extended flowering period coincided with Oct/Nov rainfall 70% below average. Tough hot and dry conditions continued through January with temperatures 2°C above average meaning yields were expected to be down.

Vintage commenced on Feb 9th with approx 20t of Adelaide Plains old vine fruit in remarkably good condition. We looked set for a huge rush of fruit due to the hot and dry season but Valentine's Day 2014 saw the vintage turned on its head. Widespread rain ensued throughout the Plains, Ranges, Hills and Barossa lowering grape baume for a week or two.

Cooler weather continued through February and March with vintage proceeding at a leisurely pace, vines freshened up, fruit filled, yields returned. Thick skinned, amazing full colouring of red juice the highlight, along with a burgeoning array of complex flavours across all varieties.

### 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.

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This vintage continues our impressive lineage of Cabernet Sauvignon releases. Beautiful old vine fruit from the 'Plains combined with additions from upland Uleybury delivers a complex wine. Delicate blueberries and violets move onto deeper blackberries and mulberries on the palate. The length of the wine continues to build with fine acid and tannin rounding out the clean elongated finish. Brilliant.

