



## TASTING NOTE

Name of Winery	Old Plains Wine Co.
Wine	Longhop Old Vine Grenache
Vintage	2014
Region of Fruit Source	Mt Lofty Ranges
Sub-Regions	Andrews Farm
Specific Vineyard	Gagliardi
Soil	Red clay 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 five 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 24 months in seasoned American and French oak barriques. Two rackings 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

The last remaining old vine grenache vineyard in its sub-region. Tendered by Mr Frank Gagliardi since he planted in the 1960's. Now fully surrounded by housing estates. A true icon wine from a last stand vineyard.

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Lovely perfume of cherries, chocmint and spice. Great old vine depth and rich mouthfeel flavours with lovely sandy tannins and ever lasting finish. Pop pour now but will age 6+ years nicely.