



## TASTING NOTE

Name of Winery	Old Plains Wine Co.
Wine	Longhop Shiraz
Vintage	2014
Region of Fruit Source	Mt Lofty Ranges
Sub-Regions	Angle Vale, Hillier, Penfield Gardens, Uleybury, One Tree Hill.
Soil	See vineyard notes below
Trellis System	Single wire
Varietal Blend	Shiraz
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	2000 cases

### The craft

Whole berry ferment in five ton open top fermenters with soft pump overs and minimal hand plunging. On skins for six days. Basket pressed with ferment finishing off in barrel. Matured for 18 months in seasoned French and American oak. Two rackings prior to 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

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 ironstone outcrops.

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Celebrating its 10th consecutive vintage our Longhop Shiraz continues to deliver on its exceptional value for money mantra. Presenting with a burgeoning array of fruit aromatics, blackberries raspberries, fig, gliding onto the palate with confidence and ease, loading up with dark chocolate, licorice, cloves and spice the 'Plains acidity ticking away underneath. All perfectly balanced, lip smacking and lovable.