



TASTING NOTE

Name of Winery	Old Plains Wine Co.
Wine	Mistura
Vintage	2014
Region of Fruit Source	Barossa Valley
Sub-Regions	Stockwell
Specific Vineyard	Railway Vineyard
Soil	Red loam over limestone.
Trellis System	Single wire
Varietal Blend	Touriga Nacional, Tinta Amarela Tinta Cao
Winemaker(s)	Domenic Torzi / Tim Freeland
Alc/vol	14 %
Age of Vines	41 years
Yield per acre	3 tonnes per acre
Total Production	1000 cases

The Craft

Each variety was vinified separately using whole berry ferment in five ton open top fermenters, twice daily pump overs and gentle hand plunging. Basket pressed with ferment finishing off in barrel. Matured four months in seasoned French oak, blended to tank for a further two month maturation. Bottled without fining or filtration.

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 pressure eased as 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 and amazing full colouring of red juice the highlight, along with a burgeoning array of complex flavours across all varieties. Mistura grape harvest was conducted on March 14th.

Wine Notes

Touriga Nacional, Tinta Amarela and Tinta Cao varieties are indigenous to the world heritage listed Douro Valley in Portugal. These varieties found their way to Australia's famous Barossa Valley, where in 1973 they were planted at the historic village of Stockwell.

Tasting note

This is a lovely modern, fruit driven wine, with expressive flavours, supple mouth feel and fine tannin. Perfectly enjoyed with progressive cuisine, such as tapas, spicy cured meats, antipasto and the like.