



TASTING NOTE

Name of Winery	Old Plains Wine Co.
Wine	Power of One Shiraz
Vintage	2015
Region of Fruit Source	Adelaide Plains
Sub-Regions	Angle Vale, Hillier, Penfield Gardens
Specific Vineyard	J Noto, Manno, Gallarello
Soil	Red clay over limestone,
Trellis System	Single wire
Varietal Blend	Shiraz
Winemakers	Domenic Torzi / Tim Freeland
Alc/vol	14.5 %
Age of Vines	50+ years
Yield per acre	2 tonnes per acre
Total Production	250 cases

The Craft

Whole berry ferment in small open top fermenters. The must was gravity fed directly to the fermenters without pumping. Eight days on skins with soft pump overs and minimal hand plunging. Gentle basket press extraction with ferment finishing off in barrel. Matured for 26 months in 100% French oak. One racking prior to unfiltered bottling.

Vintage Comments

Vintage 2015 almost lulled us into a false sense of security. Things were ticking over nicely in early February as we waited for the fruit to ripen, then without warning following a couple of warm days everything ripened at once. The Adelaide Plains, Barossa and Adelaide Hills went into overdrive. Looking back we had good solid winter rains, but the full effects of a dry spring deprived the vines of deep subsoil moisture. The end result was an early vintage across the regions with wineries at capacity by the end of February. Possibly the first time on record where Barossa shiraz was harvested before Adelaide Plains shiraz.

We commenced on Feb 14th with the Adelaide Plains old vine shiraz, followed sharply by the Ranges shiraz on Feb 17th. Cabernet sauvignon followed suite during the following week. The fruit was in excellent condition, reds showing full colour and rich flavours. Old vine grenache rosé Feb 26th rounded out a frantic fortnight.

March 4th we harvested the Lenswood pinot gris, outstanding in a word, with retained natural acidity and a rainbow of complex flavours. Finally a vintage anomaly on March 5th from a cool pocketed valley in One Tree Hill we picked the last of the shiraz.

Vineyard Notes

A classic selection of Adelaide Plains old vine vineyards each bringing its own personality. Angle Vale & Penfield Gardens provide classic Australian grape growing territory, 50 year old vines pocketed in thick-set red clay and loam. Whilst further east at Hillier along the banks of the Gawler River we have 50 year old vines sited in lighter Alluvium type loam.

Tasting note

Exhibits heady aromatics of sweet baking spice, earth and dark chocolate. Flavours continue to the palate with smoked cured meats, ripe raspberries and licorice. Finishing long, juicy with ripe fine tannins. Cellar 10 years.