

LONGHOP

MT. LOFTY RANGES
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Longhop Shiraz is a robust Aussie style red in every sense of the word, distinctive, complex and vinous way beyond its price point, full bodied and delicious.

VINTAGE INFORMATION

Name Of Winery	Longhop
Wine	Shiraz
Vintage	2008
Region of Fruit Source	Mt Lofty Ranges
Sub-Regions	Angle Vale, Evanston Gardens, Bibaringa
Specific Vineyard by Name	Manno, Noto & Varacalli
Soil	Red clay over Limestone Alluvial sandy loam
Trellis System	T - trellis & single wire
Varietal Blend	100% Shiraz
Winemaker(s)	Domenic Torzi / Tim Freeland
Alc/vol	14.5 %
pH	3.68
TA	6.60g/L
Age of Vines	14 years to 50+ years
Yield per acre	2 tonnes per acre
Total Production	2000 cases

Treatment

10% whole bunch wild ferment in small open top fermenters. Soft pump overs, hand plunging and basket pressed with ferment completed in barrel. Matured for 18 months in seasoned 80% French oak barriques and 20% American hogsheads and bottled unfiltered.

Vintage Comments

A trouble free 2008 vintage saw below average winter / spring rains. With December receiving a much needed moderate rainfall, resulting in good canopy growth and bunch sizing. January started with quite warm to moderate temperatures which had veraison racing while February saw more cooling off than in average years producing balanced acidity with flavourings of pure varietal shiraz to set us up for one of the best vintages alongside 2004 / 2005.

Tasting Notes

Deep and dark red/black colour, rich and powerful. Blackberry, raspberry, kirsch, cherry liqueur and leather. Fine grained tannins, excellent texture along with a plumped out core.

