

DIRECTORS' CUT SHIRAZ 2014 MAGNUM 1.5L

Directors' Cut is Heartland's most powerful expression of Langhorne Creek's classic varietals. Only the best fruit makes the "cut". The gift boxed 1.5L magnum makes a statement gift that is beautiful for a special occasion or cellar storage.



Winemaker: Ben Glaetzer
Region: Langhorne Creek
Soil: Sandy loam

Variety: Shiraz

Tasting Notes:

The raw power of the 2014 vintage is on display in this full throttle, rich and intense vintage of Directors' Cut. The aromas of this young wine are as tempting as they are intoxicating. The depth of black forest fruit is framed by the smooth chocolate and vanilla of judicious oak. Directors' Cut Shiraz is enhanced by the hints of spice so closely associated with the Langhorne Creek region. The lingering finish foreshadows a wine with many years of potential cellaring ahead...if you can be that patient. If not, enjoy!

Vinification:

The grapes are selected from some of the best Shiraz vineyards in the region. These vineyards are chosen for the consistent intensity and texture of the fruit. The strictest pruning techniques are used. The fruit for Directors' Cut Shiraz was harvested at night and then crushed to small open top stainless steel fermenters. After 24 hours of skin contact fermentation was commenced with our Rhône isolate yeast. Following 9 days of cool fermentation on skins and pumped over 3 times daily, the wine was transferred to French and

American oak hogsheads for 14 months maturation.

2014 Vintage:

2014 followed the classic road of a late vintage accompanying a late Easter. Deep soil moisture from a traditional winter flood bolstered us against the warm summer days, as did the cooling Langhorne Creek winds. We were spared the late February rains that harried other regions in South Australia. A generous year in both quantity and quality of fruit.

Alc/Vol: 14.5% **Maturation Vessel:** French and American oak

Age of vines: 40 years ++ hogsheads in combination

Age of barrels: New **Time in barrel:** 14 months

Cellaring potential: 15 - 20 years + Suitable for vegans: Yes