



HEARTLAND

SINGLE VINEYARD

SHIRAZ | 2015

EXCLUSIVE RANGE

THIS IS ONE OF ONLY TWO SINGLE VINEYARD WINES EVER PRODUCED BY HEARTLAND. THIS VINEYARD HAS OFFERED US OUR BEST SHIRAZ CONSISTENTLY FOR OVER A DECADE. AS SUCH, WE DECIDED THAT IN A GREAT VINTAGE WE CAN HAVE A LITTLE FUN WITH IT. WE CAN'T TELL YOU WHOSE VINES THEY ARE, BUT WE MUST ADMIT, THEY ARE NOT OURS.

WINEMAKING

Winemaker: **Ben Glaetzer**

Region: Langhorne Creek

Soil: Sandy Loam

Variety: Shiraz [100%]

Age of Vines: 50 Years +

Alc: 15.5%

Maturation: 14 months in French oak hogsheads. 100% new

Vinification: The grapes are selected from a single Shiraz vineyard. The strictest pruning techniques are used. The fruit was crushed to small open top stainless-steel fermenters. After 24 hours of skin contact fermentation was commenced with our Rhône isolate yeast.

Following 10 days of cool fermentation on skins and pumped over 3 times daily, the wine was transferred to new French oak hogsheads for 14 months maturation. A barrel selection was then made to determine the finest for inclusion.

WINE NOTES

Tasting Notes:

In appearance, an opaque mulberry core softens to a thin crimson rim. The nose is blackberry with dark spice aromas too numerous to mention. The palate offers purple fruit with hints of refreshing rich aniseed and chocolate. The finish is long and refreshing.

2015 Vintage:

Good winter rainfall offered cover crops for a moisture-retaining mulch throughout the dry spring and summer.

Summer saw mostly cool temperatures and an early vintage with most of the region's fruit off by early April. The Langhorne Creek wine region benefits from cooling afternoon breezes from Lake Alexandrina and this season was no exception. The welcome breezes helped keep overnight temperatures down, enabling fruit to maintain natural acidity.

Development in the bottle has showcased the intensity and refinement worthy of several more years of age or serious attention now.

AWARDS & REVIEWS

Current vintage: 96 Points - Wine Pilot / Ray Jordan

96 Points - Wine Orbit / Sam Kim

95 Points - Wine Pilot / David Stevens-Castro

Previous vintages: 96 Points - Wine Pilot - Ray Jordan

95 Points - Wine Pilot / David Stevens-Castro

94 Points - Robert Parker's Wine Advocate / Erin Larking