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DIRECTORS' CUT SHIRAZ 2017



Directors' Cut is Heartland's most powerful expression of Langhorne Creek's classic varietals. Only the best fruit makes the "cut".

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

Tasting Notes:

This soft and forward edition of the DC Shiraz was ready willing and able to please from the moment it was bottled. A very small quantity of top end fruit was harvested in 2017 and no expense was spared to live up to the quality expectations DC drinkers have come to enjoy. This is blackberry jam and dark chocolate mousse with hints of vanilla and cinnamon running through the palate.

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 11 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. In the 2017 vintage we have limited ourselves to 30% new oak to ensure the fruit remained the focus and the guiding light of the wine in this cooler year.

2017 Vintage:

The Langhorne Creek wine region experienced a long, slow vintage in 2017, beginning with high winter and spring rainfall leading into an extended, cool ripening phase. Reminiscent of long-past vintages, the grape harvest for 2017 kicked off a good two weeks later than the previous year in Langhorne Creek, with reds not hitting their stride until late March.

Alc/Vol:	14.5%	Maturation Vessel:	French and American oak hogsheads in combination
Age of vines:	50 years ++	Time in barrel:	14 months
Age of barrels:	30% new, 70% 2 nd fill	Suitable for vegans:	Yes
Cellaring potential:	15 years +		