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# Heartland Directors' Cut Shiraz

LANGHORNE CREEK

2014



**Alcohol:**

14.8%

**Age of vines:**

30 yrs



## ESTATE

Owner and winemaker Ben Glaetzer's work in Langhorne Creek is one of the most exciting stories in Australia today. Heartland Wines came out of a lunch in 1999 between Ben and three friends, and a fear that rather than expressing the diversity of sites and rich history of the country, Australian wines were heading in a generic, commercial direction. Ben had grown excited at older, high quality vineyards he had seen in the cool-climate Langhorne Creek area, Australia's oldest settled wine region, one hour south of Adelaide and southeast of McLaren Vale. The Heartland Wines from Langhorne Creek display the originality and appeal of the area's regional and varietal characteristics – they are food-friendly, balanced wines offering tremendous value.

## WINE

Directors' Cut is Heartland's most powerful expression of Langhorne Creek. This soft and generous vintage has allowed Directors' Cut Shiraz to display all its beauty.

## 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.

## VINIFICATION

The grapes are selected from some of the best 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 Rhône isolate yeast. Following 8 days of cool fermentation on skins and hand-plunging 3 times daily, the wine was transferred to French and American oak hogsheads for 14 months maturation. (100% new).

“Savoury juicy seductive dark fruits on the nose, the palate has long and luscious savoury cedar wood, vanilla and coconut complexity to the vibrant fresh red fruit, delicious touch of vanilla in the finish.”

– 97 Points Decanter

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