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## Directors' Cut Shiraz 2014

### Langhorne Creek

#### ESTATE

Owner and winemaker Ben Glaetzer's work in Langhorne Creek is one of the most exciting stories in Australia today. Ben found and grew 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. With a temperature summation approximately equivalent to Alsace, the best Langhorne Creek vineyards benefit from very cool nights that offset warm days, with temperature swings that can reach nearly 40 degrees within a day, the "Lake Doctor" phenomenon. 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

Heartland's flagship wine is made from the finest selection of Shiraz from each vintage. Directors' Cut is the most powerful expression of Langhorne Creek – this soft and generous vintage has allowed the wine to display all its beauty.

#### VINEYARD

These vineyards are chosen for the consistent intensity and texture of the fruit.

*Soils:* Sandy loam soils.

*Farming:* These vineyards are farmed sustainably.

#### WINEMAKING

*Vinification:* 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.

*Aging:* 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).

#### VINTAGE

*Climate:* 2014 followed the classic road of a late vintage. Deep soil moisture from a traditional winter flood bolstered the winery against the warm summer days, as did the cooling Langhorne Creek winds. The region was spared the late February rains that harried other regions in South Australia.

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#### DECANTER

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