

# MOUNT HORROCKS



## Mount Horrocks, Clare Valley Shiraz 2014

### PRODUCER

Mount Horrocks Wines is run by proprietor/winemaker Stephanie Toole. Stephanie restricts production to approximately 3,500 cases per annum in order to achieve her aims of quality and single vineyard expression. Stephanie describes her wines as 'essentially hand made food wines with an emphasis on structure as well as generous fruit flavours'. All grapes are 100% estate grown from three separate vineyard sites totalling nearly 10 hectares which were 'A grade certified' by Australian Certified Organic (ACO). In 2014, her persistence with classic, no-compromise winemaking and a fully integrated organic approach to growing and making sets Mount Horrocks wines apart from the mainstream.

### VINEYARDS

The Mount Horrocks Shiraz was produced from low yielding vines produced from their estate owned single vineyard in Watervale, Clare Valley, which is certified organic.

### VINTAGE

2014 was a fabulous year for Mount Horrocks. A coolish growing and ripening season, and some much needed rain in January, allowed the grapes to reach pristine condition. Harvest started about a week earlier than average, on the 13th of February, and was completed within five days. Picking is always done by hand, in the cool of the morning.

### VINIFICATION

A portion of the fruit was crushed, whole bunch, by foot, for mid-palate texture and additional complexity. The balance was cold soaked on skins and fermented in purpose-built vessels to allow gentle plunging of the cap to extract maximum colour, flavour and tannins. The wine then spent 18 months in 40% new French oak barriques.

### TASTING NOTES

Deep dark crimson purple. Intense, ripe dark fruit aromas, dark chocolate and gentle spice. Mid-weight, this is a supple, super-stylish shiraz. Mouthfilling rich juicy red and black fruits, with hints of savoury spice. Long, fine tannins and beautifully integrated oak round out this age-worthy wine.



### VINTAGE INFORMATION

<b>Vintage</b>	2014
<b>Region</b>	Clare Valley, South Australia
<b>Grape Varieties</b>	100% Syrah/Shiraz
<b>Winemaker</b>	Stephanie Toole
<b>Features</b>	Certified Organic, Sustainable, Vegan, Vegetarian
<b>Closure</b>	Screwcap
<b>ABV</b>	14%
<b>Acidity</b>	6.6g/L
<b>Wine pH</b>	3.4
<b>Bottle Sizes</b>	75cl