

# MOUNT HORROCKS



## Mount Horrocks, Clare Valley Shiraz 2013

### 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

The growing season and quality of the fruit was superb. Dry, warm weather encouraged early grape flavour development. Conditions during harvest were ideal and meant fruit was brought into the winery in perfect condition on the 24th of February 2013.

### VINIFICATION

The fruit was hand picked and fermented to dryness on the skins to improve structure. 10% was whole-bunch, foot-crushed in open fermenters and the rest in red wine fermenters, pumped over five times a day with maximum temperatures reaching 28-30°C. It was racked into barriques and aged for 18 months in French oak, of which 40% was new.

### TASTING NOTES

The 18th release of this outstanding Clare Valley Shiraz is deep crimson purple with a nose of ripe dark fruits, cocoa and gentle spice. Classic in character, it is rich, juicy and full of red and black fruits. The palate is beautifully elegant, balanced with long fine tannins, spicy fruit and oak. Stephanie's deft use of a mix of new and old ensures a balanced, age-worthy wine.



### VINTAGE INFORMATION

<b>Vintage</b>	2013
<b>Region</b>	Clare Valley, South Australia
<b>Grape Varieties</b>	100% Syrah/Shiraz
<b>Winemaker</b>	Stephanie Toole
<b>Features</b>	Sustainable, Vegan, Vegetarian
<b>Closure</b>	Screwcap
<b>ABV</b>	14%
<b>Residual Sugar</b>	1.3g/L
<b>Acidity</b>	7g/L
<b>Wine pH</b>	3.38
<b>Bottle Sizes</b>	75cl