



In 1969, the first vines were planted and a winery established in this area, which was traditionally sheep grazing pastures. As such, the locals considered it would only ever be one of a kind and thus the road leading to it was named "Winery Road". Despite their doubts, the area has flourished and is now recognized as an official Wine Region.

#### VINTAGE 2014

Wet, cold, wind, heat, wet, cold - in that order - one of the most challenging, yet potentially rewarding, vintages since 2011.

Restricted spring vine growth due to cool wet conditions meant the usual canopy management techniques were abandoned early in the season, and a 'wait and see policy' was adopted until the soils warmed a little more. November winds arrived with force and continued through to flowering. These winds placed more pressure on the vines as they coincided with cloudy days, creating less than ideal conditions for pollination and canopy growth. Relief came mid December and the vines released all their pent up energy in a frenzy of unprecedented growth.

High temperatures were experienced in South Australia during January 13<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>; however, we were spared somewhat as lower night time temperatures and lower "heat time" duration in the days enabled the vines greater respite. The weather then reverted to its pre heat wave behaviour and cool cloudy conditions delayed ripening. Reds were picked each side of Easter into the first week in May. 2009 was the last heat affected vintage - typically the reds from that vintage were early drinking styles. The major difference between 2009 and 2014 is that 2009 was an extremely compressed vintage, over in 8 weeks. 2014 was a protracted vintage, one of the longest we have experienced and subsequently the wines of 2014 are already showing better structure and character than the 2009.

ALCOHOL	14.5
REGION	South Australia
COMPOSITION	60% Shiraz 40% Cabernet Sauvignon
pH	3.47
TA	6.81

#### TASTING NOTES

Blackcurrant & liquorice are perfectly integrated with toasty vanillin oak characteristics, carrying over to the full ripe palate, which finishes with lingering spices & soft, silky tannins.

**WINERY ROAD**  
**2014 SHIRAZ**  
**CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

