



ONE CHAIN VINEYARDS

THE CHARACTER SERIES



WINE	THE EXHIBITIONIST
VARIETIES	100% Merlot
VINTAGE	2014
APPELLATION	Langhorne Creek, South Australia
ANALYSIS	Alcohol 13.5 % Vegan
VINIFICATION	<p>The Langhorne Creek region on the Fleurieu Peninsula of South Australia is one of the country's oldest grape growing regions. Situated on a flood plain between the rivers Bremer and Angas, the region was first populated in the 1840's and grapes have been grown here since 1891. Whilst some of the region relies on flood irrigation, our vineyards have drip irrigation to ensure adequate water and healthy canopies throughout the year. The vines are trellised and spur pruned, yielding only 3 tons per acre on the meagre red, loamy soils.</p> <p>Our winemaking technique is to do as little as possible in the winery—great wine is made in the vineyard. Keeping yields low but balanced, ensuring just the right fruit exposure and healthy canopies ensures high quality fruit. On receipt at the winery, the fruit is very gently crushed before a cold soak for 2-3 days to extract aroma and colour before harsher tannins. Fermentation and storage on oak for 10 months ensure that the wines have a well integrated, subtle oak seasoning that allows the variety to truly express itself.</p>
TASTING NOTE	The Exhibitionist is full of rich plum and damson fruit on the nose. Oak used is unobtrusive on the palate which is dominated by rich red berry flavours while also presenting subtle earthy nuances. The wine is elegant and silky with a long finish.
PRODUCER'S PROFILE	The Character Series has four beautifully produced and packaged wines, benefitting from the ultra premium quality fruit sourced for Thistledown. Each wine has great varietal definition coupled with our signature vibrancy and freshness. These are wines that are immediately pleasing, yet authentic expression of the variety and place.
FOOD PAIRING	Lamb couscous or grilled lamb chops. Duck confit or Asian style served in a plum sauce.
REVIEWS	88 Points "A savory and elegant merlot, this has a mushroom fruitiness and red plum richness. It's sappy and bright, but not sweet. For steak with mushrooms." Wine & Spirits, February 2016

