



ONE CHAIN VINEYARDS

THE CHARACTER SERIES



WINE	THE OPPORTUNIST
VARIETIES	100% Shiraz
VINTAGE	2014
APPELLATION	Langhorne Creek, South Australia
ANALYSIS	Alcohol 14.5 % Vegan
VINIFICATION	<p>Fruit for the Opportunist Shiraz comes from 3 separate blocks of the same vineyard in the historic Langhorne Creek region. All blocks are trellised and spur pruned though the trellis height vary dependent on frost risk. Soils are a mix of sandy loam and darker red soils with moderate fertility. Yields are low to moderate with good canopies that allow for a lengthy ripening period.</p> <p>As for all of our wines, the fruit for the Opportunist is picked on the way up to ripeness rather than on the way down. This way we achieve freshness and energy but not at the expense of flavour. We retain as many whole berries as possible to increase vibrancy and succulence. Winemaking is simple and is followed by 8 months on oak to increase texture and varietal expression.</p>
TASTING NOTE	An aromatic bouquet of ripe fruits, cherries and blackcurrants, with notes of freshly ground coffee, dark chocolate, peppermint, liquorice and subtle pepper. Thick and smooth with good balanced fruit weight.
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	Beef stews, entrecôte or a crispy Thai beef salad.
REVIEWS	90 Points "A shiraz with an instant appeal, the fragrant bouquet shows blackberry, dark plum, mint chocolate and toasted nut aromas. It is ripe, silky-smooth and persistent with rounded mouthfeel and velvety tannins. It is not heavy but flavour-packed and friendly. At its best: now to 2020." Wine Orbit, October 2015

