

## 2012 The Ledge Shiraz

Shiraz 100%  
Adelaide Hills 100%

### Wine Analysis

**Winemaker:** Greg Clack

**Bottled:** March 2014

**Alcohol:** 13.1%

**Oak:** 20 months

40% new French Oak  
60% 2 and 3 year old French Oak

**Acid:** 7.0g/L

**pH:** 3.41

**Residual Sugar:** 1.6 g/L

**Sulphur:** 102 mg/L

### Vineyard

Selected from a two Vineyards, one in the Southern Adelaide Hills from the Sub Region of Kuitpo and the other from the North in Forreston. Row and vine selection were performed prior to harvest and selective harvesting was employed in order to show only the best fruit in this wine. Vines on shallow soil with decreased shoot density and lighter crop levels were selected for increased fruit concentration.

### Winery

Harvested at optimal maturity the grapes were destemmed and crushed into small open fermenters, cool soaked for 2 days before beginning fermentation. During fermentation the must was pumped over 3 times daily for the duration of the 7 days spent on skins. The free run and pressings were separated and drained directly to barrels to complete primary ferment in oak followed by Malolactic fermentation. Aged and matured in oak for 20 months prior to bottling.

### In the Glass

Deep plum with a purple plum hue.

### Bouquet

The aroma shows lifted spice, dark berry fruit and ripe plums with mild black pepper notes. Integrated with savoury oak notes with hints of vanilla, sandalwood and hints of dried oregano and sage.

### Palate

Intense bright fruits of blackcurrant, blackberry and plums are integrated well with savoury oak spice, nuances of cured meats linger and the palate finishes with lifted notes of pepper and savoury wood spice. Balanced bright natural acidity is lively and with the fine grained firm tannins gives exceptional structure with great ageing potential. Brilliant intensity of fruit with persistence and length of both fruit and savoury flavours without being overpowering.

A perfect accompaniment to rich red meat dishes or tomato based pasta dishes.



### The Ledge Story

This wine has been made in honour of the bravery and tragic death of Arnold Caust, resident of Chain of Ponds, who drowned trying to save a young family at Henley Beach, South Australia in 1906

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