

## "The Lodge Hill" Shiraz 2011 vintage

The Lodge Hill Shiraz vineyard, on the Clare Valley's eastern ranges, has soils of rich, chocolaty loam over almost vertical sheets of rock. The cracks between the rock have filled with soil, providing passage for the vine roots and free drainage - the ideal environment for low-yielding shiraz vines.

Vintage 2011 was a harvest underpinned by weather events. The red wine vintage started in March after higher than average rainfalls throughout the growing season. This led to flavour and colour development occurring at lower than usual sugar levels - producing food friendly wines of medium weight and overt character.

### Winemaking Notes

The 2011 vintage has a bright crimson appearance with excellent clarity. It shows very lifted aromas of spearmint, black pepper, cardamom and raspberry.

The palate is medium bodied and dominated by characters of cinnamon, rosemary, star anise and boysenberry. These flavours are built around structural ripe tannins.

This wine is ideally suited to good food, good friends and lively conversation.

### Clare Valley, South Australia

Wine has been flowing in the Clare Valley since 1851 and is an integral part of the culture. It is one of Australia's most prestigious premium wine regions famous for its Riesling and Shiraz. A tiny area accounting for less than 1.5% of the total Australian wine production.

With its beautiful rolling hills, ideal winter rainfall, Mediterranean climate, soil variation and vineyard orientation, the Clare Valley carries a unique history and winemaking heritage.

### Specifications

Variety:	Shiraz
Vintage:	2011
Region:	Clare Valley, South Australia
Estate Grown:	100%
Harvested:	March 2011
Alc/Vol:	13.5%
Total Acid:	6.00g/l
pH:	3.50
Oak Treatment:	Aged for 15 months in 20% American and 80% French oak.

