



THE MASTER

LANGHORNE CREEK

CABERNET SHIRAZ

2012

PAYING HOMAGE TO OUR FOUNDER, WOLFGANG BLASS, AM, ON HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY, 'THE MASTER' CELEBRATES WOLF'S LIFELONG COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO CREATING OUTSTANDING WINES OF QUALITY, CHARACTER AND CONSISTENCY.

'The Master' was sourced from the Pasquin Vineyard in Langhorne Creek, owned by Wolf's first winemaker, John Glaetzer, and Bill Potts, one of the first growers to supply fruit to Wolf Blass back in 1967, who continues to supply exceptional quality fruit to this day.

Planted specifically for Wolf Blass, Pasquin Vineyard is situated on an exceptional patch of ancient soil on the traditional flood plains along Step Road. The Cabernet Sauvignon was planted in 1994, followed by the Shiraz in 1995, with all vines on their own roots.

The soil is a consistent medium clay loam, ensuring even quality across the block. Its low fertility grows vines with perfect balance, producing fruit intense in flavour, colour and tannin. The vineyard rows run east-west, allowing for even exposure to sunlight and enabling consistent ripening. Sections of the vineyard were harvested separately to allow picking at each block's optimum maturity.



WINE SPECIFICATIONS

VINEYARD REGION	<i>Pasquin Vineyard, Langhorne Creek</i>
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	<i>2012 in Langhorne Creek was characterised by mild summer conditions with moderate temperatures and only minor rain events. Soil moisture was retained from 2011 allowing for good canopy health. The moderate weather allowed for a long, steady ripening period, accumulating excellent colour and flavour while giving tannins the time to mature to their optimum prior to harvest.</i>
GRAPE VARIETY	<i>61% Cabernet Sauvignon – 39% Shiraz</i>
MATURATION	<i>18 months maturation in new and seasoned French and American oak barrels.</i>
WINE ANALYSIS	<i>Alc/Vol: 14.5% Acidity: 6.6 g/L pH: 3.59</i>
PEAK DRINKING	<i>Drinking beautifully on release or will evolve gracefully over many years of careful cellaring.</i>

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

COLOUR	<i>Deep crimson.</i>
NOSE	<i>Complex layers of bramble berry fruits, warm spice, mocha and mineral notes combine to create a wine of true interest and personality.</i>
PALATE	<i>Medium to full bodied with a depth of flavour yet lightness on the palate that unfolds in layers of complex dark mulberry fruits and savoury nuances with persistence and finesse. Oak is present, yet understated and supportive of the fruit. The palate is long and even with fine, tightly woven mineral-like tannins supporting exceptional flavour length.</i>