



*Currency Creek Estate is one of the jewels of the Fleurieu Peninsula, near Adelaide in South Australia. Close to Lake Alexandrina and the Southern Ocean, the region enjoys a mild maritime climate, perfect for producing wines of delicate fruit driven complexity. "Ostrich Hill" recognises the birds which were once farmed on the hillsides opposite the very first Shiraz vines planted in this region. Now almost 45 years old, these magnificent vines consistently produce fruit with elegant, lifted varietal character.*

#### **TASTING NOTE**

Generous rounded plum and blackberry characters, with fine tannin structure and on the finish, a hint of toasted American Oak from 15 months in the barrel.

#### **VINTAGE 2014**

Wet, cold, wind, heat, wet, cold - in that order - one of the most challenging, yet potentially rewarding, vintages since 2011. Restricted spring vine growth due to cool wet conditions meant the usual canopy management techniques were abandoned early in the season, and a 'wait and see policy' was adopted until the soils warmed a little more. November winds arrived with force and continued through to flowering. These winds placed more pressure on the vines as they coincided with cloudy days, creating less than ideal conditions for pollination and canopy growth. Relief came mid-December and the vines released all their pent up energy in a frenzy of unprecedented growth. High temperatures were experienced in South Australia during January 13<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>; however, Currency Creek was spared somewhat as lower night time temperatures and lower "heat time" duration in the days enabled the vines greater respite. The weather then reverted to its pre heat wave behaviour and cool cloudy conditions delayed ripening. Reds in Currency Creek were picked each side of Easter into the first week in May. 2009 was the last heat affected vintage - typically the reds from that vintage were early drinking styles. The major difference between 2009 and 2014 is that 2009 was an extremely compressed vintage, over in 8 weeks. 2014 was a protracted vintage, one of the longest we have experienced and subsequently the wines of 2014 are already showing better structure and character than the 2009. As sometimes happens, trying conditions can result in some spectacular fruit, and that is certainly the case with the 2014 vintage. This could be a year when the cooler regions shine across southern Australia - Currency Creek wines a perfect example, showing a great deal of finesse and elegance.

**ALCOHOL 15%**

**VARIETAL COMPOSITION Shiraz 100%**

# 2014 SHIRAZ