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# Cabernet Sauvignon 2014

## Langhorne Creek

### ESTATE

Owner and winemaker Ben Glaetzer's work in Langhorne Creek is one of the most exciting stories in Australia today. Ben found and grew excited at older, high quality vineyards he had seen in the cool-climate Langhorne Creek area, Australia's oldest settled wine region, one hour south of Adelaide and southeast of McLaren Vale. With a temperature summation approximately equivalent to Alsace, the best Langhorne Creek vineyards benefit from very cool nights that offset warm days, with temperature swings that can reach nearly 40 degrees within a day, the "Lake Doctor" phenomenon. The Heartland Wines from Langhorne Creek display the originality and appeal of the area's regional and varietal characteristics – they are food-friendly, balanced wines offering tremendous value.

### WINE

The freshness brought to the area by the Lake Doctor effect means Langhorne is one of the places cool enough in South Australia for Cabernet to achieve structure and display characteristic savory notes

### VINEYARD

Langhorne Creek is one of Australia's most ideal climates for growing Cabernet Sauvignon and has the oldest recorded Cabernet vines in the world.

*Soils:* Sandy loam soils.

*Farming:* These vineyards are farmed sustainably.

### WINEMAKING

*Vinification:* The fruit was crushed into open fermenters, left on skins to cold macerate for 3 days prior to fermentation. Fermentation occurred at or under 73°F (with a Rhône isolate yeast). This helped to extract the skin tannin while maintaining aromatics.

*Aging:* The wine underwent its malolactic transformation in oak and was then racked and returned to French and American oak for a 12-month maturation.

### VINTAGE

*Climate:* 2014 followed the classic road of a late vintage. Deep soil moisture from a traditional winter flood bolstered the winery against the warm summer days, as did the cooling Langhorne Creek winds. A generous year in both quantity and quality of fruit.

### TASTING NOTE

If color tells a story, then this is one of depth and character. Appealing floral notes give nuance to the attractive red fruit so abundant on the nose. Blackcurrant leads an ensemble cast of spices and herbs that act as a perfect foil to this wine's mesmerizing display of fruit.