



STEP RD

At Step Rd our award winning wines not only reflect our winemaking philosophy, they reflect the essence of who we are. Dedicated to bringing you cool climate wines with a strong regional edge, Step Rd delivers contemporary wines with unique varietal character, persistence and finesse.

Passionately vibrant - crafted with spirit

CABERNET SAUVIGNON



VINTAGE 2012

REGION Langhorne Creek
Established as a premium wine-grape producing region as far back as 1860, Langhorne Creek is one of Australia's oldest wine regions. Deep, rich alluvial soils enhance grape quality, producing Shiraz of great character, style and elegance.

COLOUR Deep plum with subtle crimson hues

BOUQUET Notes of blackberry and cassis are balanced by hints of mocha

PALATE Rich, dark berry fruits with hints of plum and mocha. Firm structured tannins with great length and oak balance.

WINEMAKING TECHNIQUES Grapes are picked on both colour and flavour development, then crushed and fermented for 7-10 days at around 20 degrees. Small open top fermenters are used with hand pumping over and rack and returns to ensure optimum extraction of tannins and colour. The ferment is then softly pressed using an airbag press, so we do not extract the bitter tannin, producing a fruit driven style of wine. Once pressed the wine is transferred into a combination of French and American oak where it undergoes natural malolactic fermentation. Following maturation the wine is blended and prepared for bottling.

ALCOHOL 14.3%

PH 3.01

ACIDITY 6.98 g/L

SUGAR 1.83 G/F

MATURATION 12-18 months in new and one year old hogsheads
55% French oak, 45% American oak

WINEMAKER Chris Dix

FOOD MATCH Crispy fried duck with Asian Greens