



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

SHIRAZ

VINTAGE	2010
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
BOUQUET	Ripe dark cherry and plum aromas with spicy notes and subtle oak characters.
PALATE	Rich, generous fruit flavours with hints of licorice and spice. Well balanced with good weight and length finishing with firm, fine tannins.
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	13.9%
PH	3.46
ACIDITY	6.36 g/L
SUGAR	3.18 G/F g/L
MATURATION	12-14 months in new and one year old hogsheads, 70% French and 30% American
WINEMAKER	Chris Dix
FOOD MATCH	Rack of Lamb with roasted pumpkin

