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## **HONEY MOON VINEYARD ADELAIDE HILLS SHIRAZ 2010**

### **2010 VINTAGE**

A warm to mild vintage with sunny dry days and cold nights, typical of our site at Echunga, gave fruit with intense cool climate Shiraz varietal flavours, ripe tannins and great acid balance. The mild dry conditions extended right up to harvest, resulting in perfect bunches of Shiraz grapes.

### **Winemaking**

Grapes were hand harvested on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2010 and after partial crushing and partial de-stemming the must was divided into several small open top fermenters. Some ferments contained whole bunches 20-80% and were conducted with wild/indigenous yeast. Some ferments were entirely de-stemmed and a variety of cultured yeast strains were used. Typically ferments peaked at 30°C and were hand plunged 2 – 3 times per day. After primary fermentation the wines were pressed off skins in our small basket press and later racked into French oak barriques

(oak types being Allier and Tronçais, 40% new). After 22 months in oak the wine was bottled, then laid down for maturation in a temperature-controlled environment.

### **Tasting Notes\***

Appearance: Bright magenta red with a very deep ruby hue

Aroma: Concentrated ripe raspberry, with spicy, peppery characters supported by savoury, smoky/toasty French oak notes.

Palate: Vibrant red fruit flavours of raspberry, dark cherry and spicy blackberry contribute immediate fruit sweetness, which follows through to the mid palate, along with refreshing, minty, spicy notes. French oak gives a subtle, cedar/chocolate/smoky character, which compliments a drying velvety tannin structure. Even as a young wine, cool climate Shiraz flavours with great fruit intensity and palate length are in evidence. While drinking well now, it will continue to evolve in the bottle over the next 10 years.

Serving and food matching: Well suited to medium to heavier weight dishes based on poultry and veal and beef.

Alc; 14.0% v/v

### **Awards/reviews to date**

Trophy Best Wine of the Show; International Cool Climate Wine Show 2013

Trophy Best Red Wine of Show; International Cool Climate Wine Show 2013

Trophy Judges Best Vintage Wine (2010 or older); International Cool Climate Wine Show 2013

Trophy Best Cool Climate Shiraz; International Cool Climate Wine Show 2013

Gold Medal; International Cool Climate Wine Show 2013

Silver Medal; Adelaide Hills Wine Show 2012

Silver Medal; Royal Sydney Wine Show 2013

Highly Recommended; Winewise Small Vigneron Awards 2012, “A spicy dark cherry style with hints of eucalyptus and five-spice. The tannins are firm but fine, providing excellent support for the fruit.”

*\*notes based on wine tasted on 22 July 2013*