



2008 ZONTE'S FOOTSTEP THE LAKE DOCTOR SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER: Ben Riggs
REGION: Langhorne Creek, South Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz (94%), Viognier (6%)
ALCOHOL: 14.5% alc/vol

VINTAGE:

2008 was an early, compressed vintage period for Langhorne Creek. The first half of the vintage was tremendous with excellent, mild and dry, climatic conditions resulting in wonderful characters in Shiraz. The second half of vintage had a record breaking March heat wave gripped the state.

VINEYARD:

Each summer afternoon, the house-cooling breeze of our 'Lake Doctor' arrives and revives vines and vigneron alike. The Lake Doctor Vineyard is on a 40 million year old alluvial plain, nestled between two rivers adjacent to Lake Alexandrina. It is an oasis in a cool desert with vines planted on their own roots, in maritime red sands that sit over pre-Cambrian Limestone and are ideal for growing grapes.

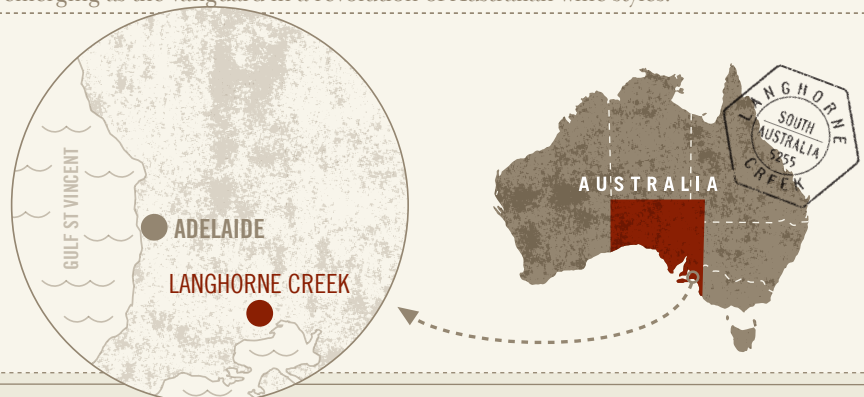
TASTING NOTES:

The nose exudes floral notes, pepper, subtle apricots, plum pudding and blackberry pie characters. On the palate, juicy, rich and soft red fruits and blackberry pie notes dance with tangy cedar and tobacco characters through the lingering finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 88 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

ABOUT ZONTE'S FOOTSTEP:

Zonte's Footstep is named after Langhorne Creek's original 19th century plantings. More than one hundred years after the first plantings of the Zante currant variety were planted in the area, Ben Riggs and Zar Brooks teamed up with a group of mates to re-establish the property. All local grape growers and winemakers, these friends pooled old white pick-ups, new tractors and expertise, eventually establishing more than fifty separate blocks of red and white vinifera grapes to expand upon the original Zante plantings. And the footprint? This is the very same land that the world's largest marsupial, the Diprotodon (or giant wombat) roamed for more than 20 million years until becoming extinct twenty thousand years ago. Eons on, the Zonte's wines are firmly stamping out a footprint of their own, emerging as the vanguard in a revolution of Australian wine styles.



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