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2013 Old Vines Shiraz

TA: 6.8 g/l

pH: 3.37

Alc: 13.5%

Vintage: 2013

Variety: 100% Shiraz

Region: Hunter Valley

Sub Region: Belford

Production: 500 dozen

Vineyard: This wine is produced from grapes grown at the Pothana Vineyard on clay with limestone sub soils. The vines are old and low yielding, producing less than 2 tonnes per acre annually.

Harvest date: 20th February 2013

Winemakers notes: The fruit was ripe clean and in excellent condition when it was hand picked in mid February. The grapes were fermented in traditional open fermenters, which were hand plunged and then basket pressed. The resulting wine was stored in French oak barrels for 12 months. After blending, the wine was only lightly fined followed by coarse filtration prior to bottling.

Tasting notes: Deep brick red in colour the wine has subtle aromas of spice, pepper and savoury oak. The palate is medium weight with blackberry fruit dominating, firm but with a long soft savoury finish.

Cellaring: Although this wine is soft and approachable now it will improve with cellaring for many years.