



Annie's Lane  
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## **Annie's Lane Copper Trail Shiraz 2013**

*'The Copper Trail' was a route forged by prospectors following the discovery of copper at Burra in the late 1840s. The Copper Trail passed through the Clare Valley just south of Watervale - through land on which the vineyards of Annie's Lane today produce some of the region's finest wines.*

*'Copper Trail' Shiraz is Annie's Lane's flagship wine and it is hand crafted to reflect the very best of the Clare Valley.*

*The 2013 Annie's Lane Copper Trail Shiraz is black with purple hues. The nose displays raspberries and mulberries. On the palate is a complex array of flavours showing blood plums, black olives, with a hint of liquorice. The wine is woven by grainy oak and silky tannins and finishes with a savoury mouth feel.*

### **Viticulture**

*This wine is a culmination of the very best fruit the Clare Valley can offer, with vineyards located in Sevenhill, Armagh and Watervale, selected for their highly distinctive characters and made with minimal intervention. The result is a wine displaying complexity of flavour and structure.*

*After some useful rain periods through the 2012 Winter, Spring brought dry weather with total Spring rainfall below average. Winter temperatures were near normal, however once Spring arrived, average maximum temperatures increased rapidly to be above average.*

*The warm growing season continued through Summer with short heat spikes. Crop loading was well below average and vine canopies were balanced. This led to an early harvest, with low yields and warming temperatures. Consequently, Shiraz displayed excellent colour and natural tannin. The 2013 vintage will go down as a supreme vintage in the Clare Valley.*

### **Winemaking**

*Copper Trail Shiraz is made with a minimal intervention approach, retaining and enhancing the natural expression of the fruit. Small batch open fermenters were used to treat vineyard parcels separately, allowing the winemaker to maintain and develop the unique characteristics of each vineyard. After fermentation, the wines were pressed into a combination of new and seasoned French and American oak barrels including large oak formats for a minimum maturation period of 18 months before individual barrel selection.*

*Only the finest barrels that reflect the 'terroir' of Clare Valley are selected.*

### **Winemaker:**

*Alex MacKenzie*

### **Cellaring:**

*The 2013 Copper Trail Shiraz is drinking beautifully now and will develop further complexity with medium to long term careful cellaring. This wine is unfiltered and as such we recommend decanting prior to serving.*

### **Technical Analysis:**

*Harvest Date: March - April 2013*

*pH: 3.49*

*Acidity: 6.6g/L*

*Alcohol: 14.5%*

*Bottling Date: January 2015*

