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## **Annie's Lane Copper Trail Shiraz 2012**

*'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 2012 Annie's Lane Copper Trail Shiraz is black with purple hues. The nose displays cassis, violets and mulberries. On the palate is a complex array of flavours showing blood plums, redcurrants, with a hint of liquorice. The wine is woven by grainy oak and velvety tannins and finishes with a savoury mouth feel.*

### **Viticulture**

*The fruit for the 2012 Copper Trail was sourced from 2 regions within the Clare Valley - Armagh and Sevenhill.*

*A very warm August gave way to an early bud break, however this was somewhat stalled by a cool period during the second week of September. Spring rainfall was average with well-spaced rain events to keep the vines growing evenly.*

*January was warm without being extreme leading into February where temperatures were 2 degrees below the average. This cooler weather slowed the vines maturity and concentrated flavours. Temperatures continued to be below average in March allowing for grape flavour concentration and acid retention.*

### **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 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 2012 Copper Trail 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 2012

**pH:** 3.54

**Acidity:** 6.4g/L

**Alcohol:** 14.5%

**Bottling Date:** January 2014

