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**WOODSTOCK**  
McLAREN VALE

## 2012 WOODSTOCK 'PILOT'S VIEW' SHIRAZ

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### BACKGROUND

Flying Spitfires during WWII, Douglas Collett A.M was privileged to a pilot's eye-view of the vineyards of Europe. Returning home, Doug saw the future for an Australian table wine industry, moving on from fortified styles. Equipped with animation initiative and perseverance, Doug planted many vineyards and made wines in many regions. He loved the natural beauty and robust flavours of McLaren Vale, acquiring Woodstock Estate in 1973. Doug's own flight helmet represents the vision and passion of this inspirational man whose philosophy was "the glass is always half full" so lets fill it up!"

### WINEMAKING

Deliberately made to accompany food by expressing soft fruit characters with moderate oak influence, Pilot's View is sourced from our better Woodstock Estate and Blewitt Springs Shiraz blocks grown on sandy soils. The 2012 warm, sunny days ensured the berry flavours and tannins fully ripened, while cool nights preserved the natural acidity. The combination of sandy soils and natural acids creates vibrant floral and spice aromas in this Shiraz. With traditional winemaking and careful barrel selection, the supple tannins are well integrated supporting the juicy Shiraz flavours. This wine is matured in carefully selected new and second year old American oak, for up to 12 months.

### THE WINE

Like it's namesake Doug Collett, this 2012 Pilot's View Shiraz shows plenty of animation and character with a powerful yet balanced structure. Dark berries, plum and chocolate nuances with some mint, vanilla and spice highlight the underlying savoury tones and well integrated oak characters. Supple, textured tannins leave you wanting more. Although cellaring will be rewarded for up to 8 years, we recommend this wine to be served for dinner with a great meal tonight!

### SERVING SUGGESTION

Seared rib eye beef fillet with Vincotto glazed sweet potato gnocchi and a salad of rocket, cherry tomato and fetta.... and another bottle!



### WINEMAKERS

Scott Collett & Ben Glaetzer

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Shiraz

### BOTTLING DATE

June 2013

### TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol 15%

PH 3.43

Acidity 6.3 g/l

Residual Sugar 0.9 g/l

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