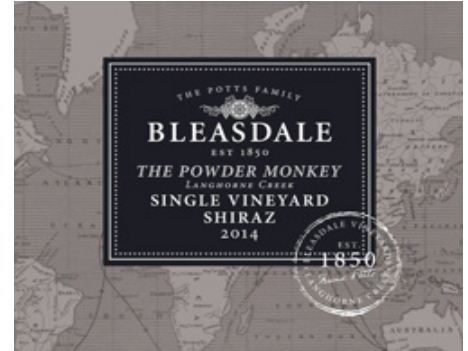




# Bleasdale Vineyards

## Powder Monkey Shiraz 2014

**Wine Maker:** Paul Hotker  
**Appellation:** Langhorne Creek  
**Varietal:** Shiraz  
**Yields Per Acre:** 3.5 T  
**Cases Produced:** 5,000  
**Filtration and fining:** No filtration  
**Wood treatment:** New (26%) and seasoned French oak hogsheads and puncheons  
**Length of barrel maturation:** 12 Months



**UPC#:** 858441006026

**Alcohol:** 14%  
**Total Acid:** 6.2  
**Free/Total Sulfur:** 37/75  
**pH:** 3.64

**Viticultural Practices:** This wine celebrates the adventures of a young Frank Potts prior to founding Bleasdale in 1850. A single vineyard wine from our very best Shiraz vineyard, located behind the cellars. Matured in new and seasoned French oak hogsheads and puncheons. De-stemmed to open fermenters, pumped over up to 4 times daily during peak fermentation. Drained & pressed after 9 to 15 days on skins, settled for 24 hours before racking to oak for MLF.

**Winemaker notes:** Pure crimson, an intense and powerful wine, the accent is on dense blackberry, licorice and bitter chocolate, with savoury tannins running through the length of the palate.

**Score(s): 95 pts James Halliday** - Open-fermented, 15% whole berries, short cold soak, 9-12 on skins, matured for 12 months in French oak (27% new), two gold medals. Deep crimson-purple; resplendent in its generosity with plum and blackberry leading the juicy fruits, licorice, spice and soft tannins all singing the same song.

**92 pts Vinous** - Inky ruby. Pungent, spice-accented scents of fresh dark berries, licorice, cola, vanilla and smoky minerals. Juicy and precise on the palate, offering appealingly sweet black and blue fruit and cherry flavors that are complemented by a jolt of peppery spices. Becomes deeper with air with no loss of vivacity and finishes sappy and very long; smooth tannins add shape and gentle grip. -- Josh Raynolds.