

Ridgeback Shiraz 2003

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Ripe array of plums, black olives and bay-leaves with a firm backbone of mocha, mineral and smoky oak to support. Tannins are silky with a concentrated layer of dark chocolate on the mid palate. Mouthwatering fruit lingers long on after taste.

variety : Shiraz | 100% Shiraz
winery : Ridgeback Wines
winemaker : Cathy Marshall
wine of origin : Coastal
analysis : alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 2.63 g/l pH : 3.84 ta : 5.5 g/l
type : Red style : Dry body : Full taste : Fruity wooded
pack : Bottle closure : Cork

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ageing : For now or cellar for up to 5 years.

about the harvest: Grapes were handpicked on 17 February - 3 March 2003

in the cellar : Grapes were sorted and destalked without crushing to fermenters.

Whole berry component of about 80% in the fermenter.

Mash was fermented in open top stainless steel fermenters at 26-300 C.

Judicious pumpovers for extraction of flavour, aromatics and tannins were carried out 3 times daily.

Marc was immediately pressed after alcoholic fermentation completed and the free run and pressed fractions were consolidated in a tank.

Wine was gravity fed to 225L barrels for secondary Malo-Lactic fermentation.

Wine was racked for clarification twice during the maturation period.

Maturation lasted for 16 months in first, second and third-fill barrels.

Blending of selected barrels just prior to filtration took place.

