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Alto Shiraz 2003

Colour: Dark ruby.
Bouquet: Smoky, spicy, laced with berry and ripe fruit, supported by woody undertones.
Taste: A full-bodied wine with delicate spices, sbtle presence of oak and vanilla flavours and a round creamy finish .

The winemaker suggests enjoying it on its own or with Mediterranean dishes such as spicy lamb and meat casseroles. It is also a good partner to roasts, oxtail and even the traditional South African barbeque.

variety : Shiraz | 100% Shiraz
winery : Alto Estate
winemaker : Schalk van der Westhuizen
wine of origin : Coastal
analysis : **alc :** 15.3 % vol **rs :** 4.3 g/l **pH :** 3.43 **ta :** 5.82 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **wooded**
pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard : The wine is made from vineyards planted in deep, red, decomposed granite and clay soils on a north-westerly slope, situated 200m to 400m above seal level. The nine year-old vines are grown under dryland conditions and are trellised on a five-wire hedge system. They yielded to five to six tons per hectare.

about the harvest: The grapes were harvested by hand at the end of March at between 26° to 27° Balling.

in the cellar : After destalking and crushing the juice was fermented for seven days on the skins in stainless steel tanks at 25° to 27°C. After malolactic fermentation the wine was aged in wood for 18 months, using a combination of French (40%) and American (60%) first, second and third-fill barrels.

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