

## Fairview Jakkalsfontein Shiraz 2003

2007 Decanter World Wine Awards â€” Silver Medal  
2007 International Wine Challenge â€” Bronze Medal  
2007 Concours Mondial de Bruxelles â€” Silver Medal  
Veritas 2006 - Silver  
2006 International Wine and Spirit Competition (IWSC) - Bronze  
Inky dark, great depth of flavour, with excellent oak integration. Solid, smooth tannin, will age for 8 - 10 years.

**variety :** Shiraz | 100% Shiraz  
**winery :** Fairview Wines  
**winemaker :** Anthony de Jager  
**wine of origin :** Coastal  
**analysis :** alc : 15.31 % vol   rs : 3.5 g/l   pH : 3.52   ta : 6.1 g/l  
**type :** Red   **wooded**  
**pack :** Bottle   **closure :** Cork

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**2002 Vintage**  
2003 International Wine & Spirits Competition (IWSC) - Silver Medal  
John Platter Guide 4 stars  
92 points Wine Spectator  
2004 Concours Mondial de Bruxelles - Gold medal  
2004 Michelangelo International Wine Competition - Silver Medal  
2005 International Wine and Spirit Competition (IWSC) - Bronze  
2005 International Wine Challenge - Bronze Medal

**in the vineyard :** The Swartland (Black Land) region of the Cape gets its name from the indigenous velt â€œRhinoceros Veltâ€ which has a natural dark shade. This region has been farmed since the early 1700, by free burghers, who were settled by the Dutch East India Company to provide supplies for the companies' ships sailing to the spice Islands in the east. Wild animals often preyed on the burghers sheep, and competed for food and water. This provided an excuse to defy the administrators of the Cape, and start wine production in this region. Jakkalsfontein is situated around a spring where to this day, the eerie evening calls of black-backed jackals can be heard. Old unirrigated bush vines produce bunches of Shiraz grapes with small berries. Jakkalsfontein is a firm wine with concentrated berry, spice and meaty flavours and a long finish.

The Jakkalsfontein vineyard in the Swartland region (Malmesbury) was planted in 1997 (Shiraz clone SH9C, rootstock R99). Dry farmed, bushvines grow in deep weathered shale soils. These soils retain moisture well, which is much needed in the latter part of the hot dry summers normally experienced in the Swartland area. Good viticultural practices, crop thinning and bunch selection will ensure a well balanced, low yielding crop (4.57 ton/ha). This, combined with the unique terroir of the Swartland results in this deep flavoured wine, expressing warm climate Shiraz.

**about the harvest:** The grapes were harvested full ripe 26.6Â° Balling on the 14th February 2003.

