

Guardian Peak Shiraz 2004

Veritas 2005 - Silver

John Platter (SA) - 3 Stars

Appearance: Deep crimson red.

Bouquet: Expressive on the nose. Plum and blackcurrant are the dominant fruit aromas. Cinnamon, spices and a minerality add to the amazing bouquet.

Palate: Luscious berry flavours, notably cherry, dominate the palate, with gentle mocha undertones. The spiciness carries through onto the palate.

Impression: This wine displays good integration between fruit and wood, and its lingering finish suggests it to be a rewarding wine for drinking and enjoying with food. Rich and expressive, this wine has presence.

We believe the drinkability of this wine could be enhanced best with poultry or veal. The glorious complexity of flavours of a Cape-Malay chicken curry would be our preference.

variety : Shiraz | 100% Shiraz

winery : Guardian Peak

winemaker : Louis Strydom

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 2.8 g/l pH : 3.8 ta : 5.8 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **taste :** Fruity **wooded**

pack : Bottle

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in the vineyard : Climate

Terroir-driven wines selected from vineyards ranging from Mediterranean climates in Stellenbosch (rainfall $\hat{A}\pm$ 650mm per annum) to more arid coastal regions (rainfall + 200mm per annum). Drip irrigation used in drier areas to optimally control vineyard produce.

Soil

A diverse composition of soil and topography add complexity and an array of different characteristics to the wine.

in the cellar : This wine is blended with young wine to enhance the fresh fruit flavours very evident in this wine. Aged for 6 months in 225L American oak barrels.

