

BWC Syrah 2003

Intense stone-fruit top notes with underlying mineral and smoky texture. Moccha-choc and cedar spice from oak contributes to complexity.

variety : Shiraz | 100% Shiraz

winery : Catherine Marshall Wines

winemaker : Cathy Marshall

wine of origin :

analysis : **alc** : 14.0 % vol **rs** : 2.8 g/l **pH** : 3.86 **ta** : 5.1 g/l

type : Red **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure** : Cork

in the vineyard : Grapes originate from Ridgeback Vineyards in the Noord Agter-Paarl. The block is south facing slope with gravel soils. Stringent viticultural practices are maintained throughout the year.

about the harvest: Grapes were manually harvested in mid-February at optimal seed ripeness. Very small berries were concentrated for full flavour.

in the cellar : 100% de-stemming with no crushing gave a whole berry component of about 70% in stainless steel fermenters. Local yeasts were inoculated for primary fermentation that lasted for 11 days. Daily pump-overs for maximum flavour and tannin extraction were applied. The mash was pressed and gravity fed to 225l French (85%) and American (15%) barriques. Approximately one third were first fill. Light filtration prior to bottling was done eleven months after barrel maturation.
Bottling date: December 2003