

Spice Route Flagship Syrah 2003

Veritas 2006 - Gold

Concours Mondial de Bruxelles Awards 2006 - Silver Medal

Colour: Inky ruby red.

Aroma: Warm sensual aromas of smoky bacon, exotic spice and dark brooding fruits.

Palate: Rounded, vibrantly dry.

variety : Shiraz | 100% Shiraz

winery : Spice Route Winery

winemaker : Charl du Plessis

wine of origin : Swartland

analysis : alc : 15.28 % vol rs : 2.5 g/l pH : 3.63 ta : 6.1 g/l

type : Red

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

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Wine Spectator - 90 points

John Platter Wine Guide - 4 stars

ageing : The wine will benefit from 3 to 5 years of cellaring.

in the vineyard : Flagship Syrah is harvested from cordon pruned vines at Rheeboksfontein in Malmesbury. The vineyard is on a South facing slope, at an altitude of about 150m above sea level. Sea breezes cool the area down at night. Syrah was picked over a number of days at 25.6° Balling. The bunches were destalked, but not crushed.

The soils on this farm are red ferric Oakleaf. These are suitable for dry land viticulture as they hold moisture well. The yield of these 17-year-old vines was 4 tons/ha in 2003. The fruit was very small and concentrated in colour and flavour.

about the harvest: Harvest Date: Mid February 2003

