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Vansha Dry Red 2006

John Platter 2007 - 3 stars
Veritas 2006 - Bronze
Multi layered array of red berry fruit and underlying ripe plums. Mid-palate offers juicy, succulent fruit weight with a dense, long dry finish



variety : Shiraz | 75% Shiraz, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon
winery : Ridgeback Wines
winemaker : Toit Wessels
wine of origin : Coastal
analysis : alc : 13.28 % vol rs : 1.85 g/l pH : 3.84 ta : 5.60 g/l
type : Red
pack : Bottle closure : Cork

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about the harvest: **Analysis at harvest**
Syrah (3 March 2006)
Sugar: 24.9Â° Balling
Acid: 5.58g/l
pH: 3.70

Cabernet Sauvignon (7 March 2006)
Sugar: 25Â° Balling
Acid: 5.72g/l
pH: 3.90

in the cellar : â€¢Both varieties were destemmed only. Shiraz was fermented separately from Cabernet Sauvignon.
â€¢Whole berries were fermented at 27-30 degrees Celsius with commercial yeast strains suited for the varieties.
â€¢Wines were allowed to ferment to near dryness and removed from skins in order to retain softness and minimise skin tannin extraction.
â€¢Both wines were not matured in oak so that the accent is on the fruit expression.
â€¢The wine was then blended: 75% Shiraz and 25% Cabernet Sauvignon.
â€¢Wine was racked for clarification twice during maturation period.
â€¢A light fining followed by filtration before bottling took place.

Bottled: 17 July 2006
Production: 10,620 Bottles
Release: July 2006