

Vansha Dry Red 2006

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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: 24.9° Balling

Acid: 5.58g/l

pH: 3.70

Cabernet Sauvignon (7 March 2006)

Sugar: 25° Balling

Acid: 5.72g/l

pH: 3.90

in the cellar : Both varieties were destemmed only. Shiraz was fermented separately from Cabernet Sauvignon.

Whole berries were fermented at 27-30 degrees Celsius with commercial yeast strains suited for the varieties.

Wines were allowed to ferment to near dryness and removed from skins in order to retain softness and minimise skin tannin extraction.

Both wines were not matured in oak so that the accent is on the fruit expression.

The wine was then blended: 75% Shiraz and 25% Cabernet Sauvignon.

Wine was racked for clarification twice during maturation period.

A light fining followed by filtration before bottling took place.

Bottled: 17 July 2006

Production: 10,620 Bottles

Release: July 2006

