

## Bellingham The Maverick SMV 2004

A robust, powerful yet graceful red wine brimming with intense fruit flavours, remarkable aromatics and a generous mouthfeel.

Winemaker's Notes: Robust, powerful.. but cherry and pear aromas lends this wine a certain graceful elegance...making it linger in your mind long after the bottle has been finished."

**variety :** Shiraz | 70% Shiraz, 20% Mourvèdre, 10% Viognier

**winery :** Bellingham Wines

**winemaker :** Niel Groenewald & Mario Damon

**wine of origin :** Coastal

**analysis :**

**type :** Red      **wooded**

**pack :** Bottle    **closure :** Cork

Decanter World Wine Awards – Gold

Monde Selection Brussels – Silver

Michelangelo International Wine Awards - Gold

**in the vineyard :** The grapes were hand-picked from three sites on the same estate. All three components came from low yielding trellised vineyards. Decomposed granite and overlying clay soils with good water hold potential.

**about the harvest:** The Shiraz was picked at optimum ripeness of 26.5°.

**in the cellar :** Natural co-fermentation between Shiraz and Mourvèdre. The Viognier fermented separately in a 2nd fill French oak barrels. The wines were blended after primary fermentation and underwent malolactic fermentation in 2nd and 3rd fill French barrels. Further maturation in 90% new French oak and 10% new American oak for a period of 24 months.



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