

Ridgeback His Masters Choice 2005

A concentrated, layered wine with a combination of dark fruits, lavender, a touch of apricot and white peach with under-lying Rhone- like savouriness. The midpalate is supple and tannins add structure and minerality to support.

variety : Shiraz | 76% Shiraz 11% Viognier 13% Mourvedre

winery : Ridgeback Wines

winemaker : Cathy Marshall

wine of origin : Paarl

analysis : alc : 12.0 % vol rs : 1.91 g/l pH : 3.83 ta : 5.49 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **taste :** Fruity **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

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ageing : up to 8 years

in the vineyard :

Both Syrah, Viognier and Mourvedre are East- West facing and are grown in Oakleaf soils. The vines are vertically shoot positioned on high trellises for optimal vine ripeness. Irrigation is scheduled according to soil moisture availability and leaf water potential profiles.

about the harvest: Grapes were hand chosen. Grapes were picked early in the morning.

Analysis at harvest

Syrah Picked 11 Feb 2005

Sugar: 23.0 °Balling

Acid: 5.2g/l

pH: 3.81

Viognier Picked 09 Feb 2005

Sugar: 24.10 Balling

Acid: 5.0g/l

pH: 3.82

Mourvedre Picked 01 March 2005

Sugar: 24.0 Balling

Acid: 5.1g/l

pH: 3.83

