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Vansha Dry Red 2007

Sweet red berries evolve to a mineral mintiness and hints of leather where a juicy midpalate is well supported by the firm oak tannin structure and long, dry finish.



variety : Shiraz | 59% Merlot, 23% Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz, Petit Verdot, Cinsaut
winery : Ridgeback Wines
winemaker : Toit Wessels
wine of origin : Coastal
analysis : **alc :** 13.94 % vol **rs :** 2.23 g/l **pH :** 3.69 **ta :** 5.90 g/l
type : Red
pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard : There are 5 varieties used in this blend:
* Merlot 59%
* Cabernet Sauvignon 23%
* Petit Verdot, Shiraz, Cinsaut

about the harvest:
Merlot (27 January 2007) Cabernet Sauvignon(14 February 2007)
Sugar: 24.53 B 24.49 B
Acid: 5.58g/l 5.52g/l
pH: 3.72 3.77

in the cellar :
* Both varieties were destemmed only.Merlot 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 only briefly matured on oak chips so that the accent is on the fruit expression.
* The wine was then blended: 59% Merlot , 23% Cabernet Sauvignon and the remaining 18% consists of Shiraz, Petit Verdot and Shiraz for complexity and softness..
* A light fining followed by filtration before bottling took place

Bottled: 17 July 2007
Production: 14666 bottles
Release: September 2007