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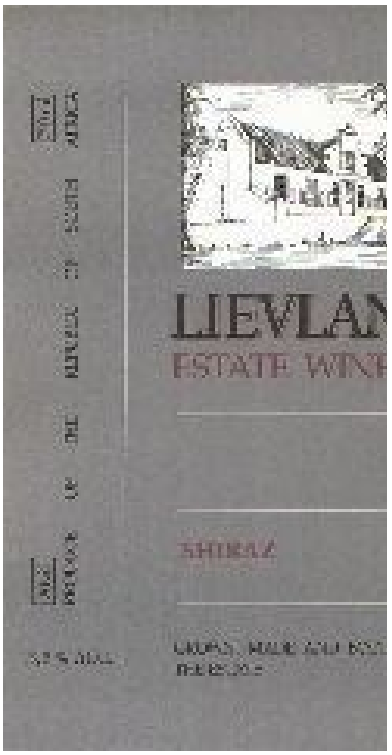
Lievland Shiraz 1998

This is a blockbuster. Massive, complex black cherries are complimented by tones of granite, liquorice and a wild herbaceousness. Colossal fruit tannins are well balanced by an almost sweet alcohol and complex, warm wood profile. The whole wine is connected by a strong black, silk thread from beginning to end.



variety : Shiraz | Shiraz
winery : Lievland Wine Estate
winemaker : James Farquharson
wine of origin : Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 15.2 % vol **rs :** 2.0 g/l **pH :** 4.2 **ta :** 6.0 g/l

ageing : Excellent - 20 years.

in the cellar : The 1998 Shiraz is a blend of 70% 6 year old virus free clone and 30% 23 year old vines.Both vineyard blocks are unirrigated and have a west facing aspect on weathered granite soils. Maturation took place in 225l French oak barrels of which 40% were new and the remainder 2nd and 3rd fill.Most of the barrels used were Nevers and Vosges.Maturation took place over 13 months before the wine was finally racked, blended and fined with a simple egg white fining.