

Noble Hill Syrah 2008

This Syrah reminds us of toasty black cherries, fennel, cloves, and dark chocolate: a perfect match for rich flavours. The wine is smooth and balanced to delight the connoisseur and convert the newcomer.

Umami may or may not be Japanese for "delicious". Either way, our Shiraz shows umami in spades: a velvety structure with fine tannins, black fruit, and olive purée, perfect for roast meat or venison.

variety : Shiraz | 100% Syrah

winery : Noble Hill Wine Estate

winemaker : Bernard le Roux

wine of origin : Simonsberg- Paarl

analysis : alc : 14.9 % vol rs : 2.1 g/l pH : 3.61 ta : 5.8 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fragrant **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

ageing : The oak is well integrated and will age ideally through 2014 or beyond.

in the vineyard : This is our largest planting by area, with three vineyards totaling six hectares. Each vineyard has distinct character in terms of its elevation, aspect, soil, rootstock, and clone which gives us flexibility in creating deep, complex, and balanced wines. Syrah is exceptionally well-suited to our microclimate and thrives in the granite rich soils that dominate our landscape.

2008 was one of the coolest, most moderate vintages we have experienced in the past decade. Relatively late véraison and extended hanging times resulted in good phenolic ripeness and elegant flavours.

about the harvest: At harvest, fruit is hand-sorted twice.

