

Radford Dale Black Rock Red Blend 2007

The vibrant and immensely lively purple hue of this wine shines out of the glass. Its intricate spice and wild bush aromas grab your curiosity, whilst preparing the senses for a highly individual and aromatic palate. A vinous and wonderfully charged mouthfeel combines with an array of lavender, spices and blueberries. A distinctly mineral quality pervades through the palate and creates lift and freshness in the flavours and a subtle, full and complex finish. A highly individual, enigmatic wine; a true blend. As refreshing by its palate as it is by its approach.

variety : Shiraz | 69% Shiraz, 14% Carignan, 11% Grenache, 3% Mourvedre, 3% Viognier

winery : The Winery of Good Hope

winemaker : Team Effort

wine of origin : Perdeberg-Swartland

analysis : alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 2.9 g/l pH : 3.59 ta : 5 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure :** Screwcap

in the vineyard : Each of the 5 vineyards is located on South-Westerly & North-Westerly slopes of the Perdeberg Mountain. Situated 70 kms as the crow flies directly North of Table Mountain and in close proximity to the cooling maritime breezes and the very cold waters of the South Atlantic. The Shiraz and Grenache vary in age from 8 to 12 years old, the Mourvèdre & Viognier 5 to 7 years - all children of the new South Africa. The Carignan is 31 years old. Yields were very low, at 25 - 30 hl per hectare. 2006 was the best vintage in a number of years.

about the harvest: Relatively cool conditions in the Spring and early Summer, following good winter rains, led to a near-perfect flowering and extended ripening season. Fruit set was impeccable and the overall quality of the harvest was outstanding. Practically no grapes were discarded at picking and each varietal was in pristine shape.

The great advantage of producing fruit from fabulous well-established bush vines for the large majority of this blend is that we are able to retain excellent minerality - through low pH's, good natural acidity and alcohols which are not out of balance. These bushvines are accustomed to the heat and the toughness of this rugged environment and with many seasons under their belt, have struck-up a harmonious co-existence. Their root systems go very deep, as they have to look a long way for water, and plunge 12 - 15 meters into the granitic subsoils and bedrock below.

