

## Elgin Valley Vineyards Shiraz 2008

This is the first vintage of Shiraz under the Elgin Valley brand. It has a particularly fruity nose with plumbs dominating the peppery Shiraz character. The mouth feel is nice and round and easy drinking with just the desired tannins and fruity aftertaste.

**variety :** Shiraz | 100% Shiraz

**winery :**

**winemaker :** Justin Hoy

**wine of origin :** Elgin Cape Coastal

**analysis :** alc : 15.5 % vol   rs : 2.23 g/l   pH : 3.45   ta : 6.45 g/l

**type :** Red   **wooded**

**pack :** Bottle   **closure :** Screwcap

**ageing :** Good for drinking now and will age beautifully for at least 5 years.

**about the harvest :** The grapes were hand harvested in the morning when their ruby red colour was at its deepest.

**in the cellar :** The grapes were crushed and fermented on the skins to extract the colour before gentle bag pressing and racking to a combination of new and second fill American and French Oak barrels. The wine was allowed to undergo malolactic fermentation and barrel maturation for 1 year. The best barrels were blended together before it was bottled in antique green bottles under screw cap and laid down for 4 months before release.

