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Spier Signature Shiraz 2008

Dark plum in colour with a youthful purple edge. The wine shows inviting aromas of sweet plum, white pepper and subtle oak-derived notes. A fruit-driven palate hosts well-structured tannin, with hints of sweet and smoky American oak-derived flavours.

Serve with smoked carpaccio, and grilled baby potatoes in a spicy butter sauce.Ideally enjoyed with a spicy main course.

variety : Shiraz | 90% Shiraz, 7% Mourvedre, 3% Viognier
winery : Spier Wine Farm
winemaker : Jacques Erasmus
wine of origin : Coastal
analysis : **alc :** 14.4 % vol **rs :** 4.0 g/l **pH :** 3.6 **ta :** 5.7 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **taste :** Fruity **wooded**
pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

ageing : Enjoy now or within 4 years from harvest.

in the vineyard : **Climate**
Proximity to ocean: 13 km
Annual rainfall: 760 mm
Average temperature: Summer 14° - 26°C, Winter 9° - 19°C

Soil
Clovelly and Vilafontes

Vineyard
Ten year-old trellised vines planted northwest to southeast yielded the grapes for this wine. The vineyards received supplementary drip irrigation and produced 9 tons per hectare.

about the harvest: Grapes were harvested at 25° Balling.

in the cellar : After harvesting the grapes were gently crushed, de-stemmed and cooled for fermentation. After 2 days of cold soaking the juice was fermented until dry in stainless steel tanks at 24° C. Three pump-overs were conducted daily, and 80% of the wine matured in French- and American oak barrels for 6 - 8 months.



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