

Spice Route Malabar 2005

Bold, dark colour. Palate shows deep plum and spice flavours, with pepper and star anise. Layered style, with hints of violets and dark chocolate. Full bodied with a rich finish.

variety : Shiraz | 72% Shiraz 12% Mourvèdre 11% Pinotage 4.5% Grenache 0.5% Viognier

winery : Spice Route Winery

winemaker : Charl du Plessis

wine of origin : Swartland

analysis : **alc** : 14.9 % vol **rs** : 3.1 g/l **pH** : 3.63 **ta** : 6.3 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **closure** : Cork

RECOGNITION

4½ stars - Platter's Wine Guide

PREVIOUS VINTAGES:

2004: International and Regional Trophies (Red blend over £10) - Decanter World Wine Awards 2007

2004: Gold medal - Classic Wine Trophy 2007

2004: 91 points - Wine Spectator

2004: 4 ½ stars - Platter's Wine Guide

2003: Gold medal - Decanter World Wine Awards 2007

2003: 90 points - Wine Spectator

2003: 4½ stars - Platter's Wine Guide

in the vineyard : The hand picked fruit was harvested from dryland vineyards in the Swartland, with soils of deep red oakleaf and koffiekliip. The Shiraz is from a trellised vineyard, while the remaining fruit is from bush vine vineyards. The Grenache is from 55 year old vines.

Winemaker's Comments

This vintage includes a significant Petite Sirah component, adding colour and complexity to the wine. These are the amongst the first Petite Sirah vineyards in South Africa and I am excited about the prospects as the vineyards mature. *Charl du Plessis*

about the harvest: Harvest Date: March 2005