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Koopmanskloof Shiraz 2008

This wine has a deep, red colour with aromas of plum, red berry and spices. This wine shows a lot of berry fruit with assertive tannins and a long, structured aftertaste.



variety : Shiraz | 100% Shiraz
winery : Koopmanskloof
winemaker : Louwtjie Vlok
wine of origin : Coastal
analysis : **alc :** 13.00 % vol **rs :** 2.12 g/l **pH :** 3.74 **ta :** 5.17 g/l **va :** 0.66 g/l **so2 :** 66 mg/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **wooded**
pack : Bottle **closure :** Screwcap

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in the vineyard : Soil type: Hutton
Irrigation: Drip irrigation
Vineyards: Trellis against Bottelary Hills; east-west row direction.

Koopmanskloof Vineyards and its winemaking tradition date back to 1777. The name depict the profession and location of an indigenous community who embrased fair trade with the first European ships to visit the Cape of Good Hope during the 16th century. Koopmans is Dutch for trader and 'Kloof' is a Ravine.

Late owner, Stevie Smit, set aside 98 ha of his farm as a fynbos reserve and started the Vineyard Trail - a 24 km walk through vineyards and mountain heath along the ridge of the Bottelary Hills. Adding to the outdoor experience, the 'Berghut' was build in 1983, situated on Koopmanskloof hills, overlooking the beautiful Cape Winelands.

about the harvest: The grapes are harvested at 25.5° B with an average yield of 6.3 tons/ha.

in the cellar : Pump overs every 4-5 hours at 26° - 28° C for ±5 days. Inoculated with WE372 yeast strain. Matured for 12 months in 60% new French oak barrels; 40 % second fill.