

Yonder Hill Shiraz / Merlot 2004

A deep colour with delicate spicy flavours, white pepper, violets layered with mocha, coffee and chocolate.

variety : Shiraz | 73 % Shiraz , 27 % Merlot

winery : Yonder Hill

winemaker : _

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 15 % vol rs : 2.38 g/l pH : 3.64 ta : 5.46 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

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in the vineyard : VINEYARDS:

The Merlot vineyard is 15 years old and the Shiraz is nine years old. The vines are trained onto a five-wire trellis system to maximise exposure to the sunlight and sea breeze. The use of minimal handling and insecticides shows our approach towards enviro-friendly farming methods.

SOILS:

Deep fertile Oak leaf or Clovelly soil. The 20 to 30 cm of lime becomes a good mixture of sand to sand-lime-clay soil medium. It is then followed by 50 to 60 cm of wet zone, as a result of limited amounts of clay, with apparent granite origin.

in the cellar : The Shiraz and Merlot fruits were at optimal ripeness when picked. Both cultivars were fermented separately in stainless steel tanks. After pressing, malolactic was encouraged. Maturation took place in 225 litre French Oak barrels for 18 months.

