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Bellingham The Bernard Series Basket Press Syrah 2007

Forthcoming complexity of cracked black and white pepper spice, hints of rich chocolate and mocca, underlying generous mulberry fruit with subtle floral suggestions of violets and dried indigenous fynbos.



variety : Shiraz | 98% Shiraz, 2% Viognier
winery : Bellingham Wines
winemaker : Niel Groenewald, Mario Damon
wine of origin :
analysis : **alc :** 14.0 % vol **rs :** 2.6 g/l **pH :** 3.52 **ta :** 5.9 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard : To his friends and family he was 'Pod', but to the Cape Winelands he was Bernard Podlashuk, the maverick winemaker. Never quite satisfied to be just ordinary, he is recognised for his daring vision, sheer audacity and unabated drive that helped place South African wine on the map. The legend of Bernard's tenacity and innovative lair lives on through The Bernard Series, Bellingham's premium range of extraordinary wines.

The Shiraz grapes were hand-picked from two vineyard blocks, yielding 4 and 8 tons per hectare individually. The trellised vines grow on deep well-drained decomposed granite covered shale soil. The grapes were harvested in mid season at 25° B. The Viognier grapes were hand-picked from a five-year-old very low yielding vineyard.

Origin
Stellenbosch

about the harvest: The Shiraz vineyard blocks and Viognier vineyard block were harvested together.

in the cellar : The Shiraz vineyard blocks and Viognier vineyard block were crushed and fermented together. Receiving two daily aerations during co-fermentation. The wine was removed from the skins straight after fermentation and matured for 18 months in new French oak barrels.