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Zalze Shiraz / Mourvèdre / Viognier 2009

A rich, spicy blend combining blackberry and red forest fruit flavours, with a hint of honeysuckle. Well-integrated French oak supports elements of mulberry and rosemary on the palate providing a long, lingering finish.



variety : Shiraz | 80% Shiraz, 15% Mourvèdre, 5% Viognier
winery : Kleine Zalze Wines
winemaker : Johan Joubert
wine of origin : Western Cape
analysis : **alc :** 14.5 % vol **rs :** 4.9 g/l **pH :** 3.62 **ta :** 5.8 g/l
type : Red **wooded**
pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

ageing : This wine will comfortably mature for another 5 years.

in the vineyard : This blend consists of chosen grapes from 80% Shiraz vineyards from the Stellenbosch region, 15% Mourvèdre and 5% Viognier originated from the Western Cape. Coming from strong Hutton-Clovelly soils, the Stellenbosch Shiraz added a spicy complexity and elegance to this red blend. Chosen Mourvèdre and Viognier grapes were separately harvested, vinified and blended with the Shiraz before ageing in the wood.

about the harvest: The grapes were harvested between 24 – 25° Balling from different blocks.

in the cellar : After crushing, the grapes were cold macerated for three days before fermentation started. A combination of pump-overs and punch-downs followed to ensure optimum colour and flavour extraction from the skins. The wine matured for 12 months in third and fourth fill French oak barrels before racking.

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