

GlenWood Syrah Vignerons Selection 2008

Deep ruby colour with inviting warm aromas of vanilla, spice and red currant, this full bodied wine provides a well rounded mouth feel with elegant, rich flavours and soft, integrated tannins. The wine portrays the character of the carefully selected vineyard site and is a limited release.

variety : Shiraz | 100% Shiraz

winery : GlenWood Vineyards

winemaker : DP Burger

wine of origin : Franschhoek

analysis : alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 3.03 g/l pH : 3.45 ta : 6.1 g/l

type : Red **body :** Full **taste :** Mineral **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

ageing : Drink now or within the next 8 years.

in the vineyard : Vine age: 9 years

The vineyards achieved top viticulture honours in 2007, winning a gold medal in the Vinpro Block Evaluation competition.

about the harvest: A fantastic red wine vintage. The grapes reached optimum ripeness with ease, and the balance between yield and growth needed minimal interference.

in the cellar : Grapes were whole-bunch selected and hand harvested into 20 kg boxes at 24.2° B. Further bunch selection took place before crushing and de-stemming. Fermentation occurred in 500 kg open-top fermenters using only wild yeast, with punch-downs by hand six times per day for maximum extraction. Fermented grapes were manually loaded to avoid unnecessary pumping. Grapes were moderately pressed and moved to new French oak barrels for 18 months. No filtration took place, and the wine was bottled by hand.

