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Drostdy Hof Cape Red 2009

Colour: Ruby red
Bouquet: Abundance of ripe fruit with strawberry and Mulberry notes.
Taste: Medium bodied, soft and fruity with strawberry and ripe fruit aromas, makes this wine approachable while still young

This wine is the ideal accompaniment to game, pasta and poultry dishes.

variety : Shiraz | 25% Shiraz, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 25% Pinotage
winery : Drostdy-Hof Wines
winemaker : Michael Bucholz
wine of origin : Coastal
analysis : **alc :** 13.5 % vol **rs :** 7.0 g/l **ta :** 5.34 g/l
type : Red **wooded**
pack : Bottle **closure :** Screwcap

ageing : This medium-bodied wine is approachable while still young.

in the vineyard : **(Viticulturist: Bennie Liebenberg)**
The grapes were sourced from bush vines and low trellised vineyards in the Stellenbosch, Paarl and Worcester areas, ranging in age from 12 to 27 years. The vineyards are located at altitudes of 50-150m above sea level. Some of the vineyards grow in dryland conditions while others receive supplementary irrigation. All the vines were grafted on Phylloxera resistant rootstocks. Varying from R99, R110 and rootstocks varying from R101-104.

about the harvest:
The winemaking (winemaker: Michael Bucholz)
The grapes were harvested by hand during February and March at 24Â° balling.

in the cellar :
The juice was fermented on the skins for four days, and after pressing fermentation continues in stained steel tanks. Upon completion of malolactic fermentation, 20% of the wine matured in stainless steel tanks with French oak staves and the balance received no maturation.