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Vansha Dry Red 2009

Upfront notes of mulberry and plum evolve to hints of mint and leather. A soft, juicy midpalate is well supported by the firm oak tannin structure and long, mineral finish.



variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 44% Merlot
winery : Ridgeback Wines
winemaker : Toit Wessels
wine of origin : Paarl
analysis : **alc :** 14.1 % vol **rs :** 3.0 g/l **pH :** 3.59 **ta :** 5.4 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full
pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard : There are 2 varieties used in this blend:

- Cabernet Sauvignon 56%
- Merlot 44%

about the harvest:

	Merlot (11 February 2009)	**Cabernet Sauvignon** (18 February 2009)
Sugar	24.8° Balling	24.9° Balling
Acid	5.55g/l	5.25g/l
pH	3.65	3.78

in the cellar :

- Both varieties were destemmed only. Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon were fermented separately in open top stainless steel fermenters.
- Whole berries were fermented at 26° - 28° C with commercial yeast strains suited for the varieties.
- Wines were allowed to ferment to near dryness and removed from skins in order to retain softness and minimise skin tannin extraction.
- Both wines underwent MLF and 10 months of ageing in second and third fill barrels to ensure the accent is on the fruit expression.
- The wine was then blended and lightly filtered shortly before bottling.

Production: 20 878 bottles