

## De Trafford Shiraz 2008

Deep dark red colour. Big, rich spicy blue & blackberry nose. Great intensity and complexity. Rich ripe fruit and spicy palate. Big soft tannins. Slightly sweet fruit comes out as the wine opens up.

**variety** : Shiraz | 100% Shiraz

**winery** : De Trafford Wines

**winemaker** : David Trafford

**wine of origin** : Coastal

**analysis** : **alc** : 15.98 % vol **rs** : 2.8 g/l **pH** : 3.74 **ta** : 5.1 g/l **va** : 0.64 g/l **so2** : 53 mg/l **fso2** : 13 mg/l

**type** : Red **style** : Dry **wooded**

**pack** : Bottle **closure** : Cork

**in the vineyard** : Approximately 2/3 from one block 13 yr old vines on 7 wire vertical trellis with moveable foliage wires. Clones SH21A; SH1A & SH99 all on 101-14 rootstock. 5000 vines / hect. "Mont Fleur" vineyard - high altitude Helderberg mountain NW facing slope. Steeply sloping site with rocky, granitic based Hutton soil. Yield 4.5 tons / hect. (32hl/ha)

About 1/3 from our new "Tip Top Mont Fleur" vineyard planted immediately above the existing Shiraz vineyard in 2003. Soil and aspect similar, though a little steeper and stonier. Clones SH470 (sourced from Cote Rotie); SH174 (sourced from Hermitage) and SH747 all on 101-14 (low vigour) rootstock. Trellis system and planting density as older vineyard above. Yield 5 tons / hect. (36hl/ha)

**about the harvest**: Typical cold, wet winter followed by a normal growing season with enough rain and warm weather to produce good, balanced growth. As in 2007 the Shiraz seemed to relish the knife-edge harvest conditions with small heat waves alternating with short, wet, cold spells. Though overall a little wetter over the harvest period. It seemed to bring out a spiciness and elegance similar to 2007, just a little softer and less intense.

Harvest date: 1/3/08 - 10/3/08 @ 26° Balling.