

Joostenberg Shiraz / Merlot 2009

The wine is full-bodied and has plum and savoury aromas. These aromas follow on to the palate. The generous palate, savoury finish and well integrated tannins result in a well-balanced, full-bodied wine which is ready to drink right now but would benefit from a year or 2 in the bottle.

variety : Shiraz | 71% Shiraz, 21% Merlot, 1% Viognier

winery : Joostenberg

winemaker : Tyrrel Myburgh

wine of origin : Paarl

analysis : alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 2.5 g/l pH : 3.65 ta : 5.3 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard : The grapes were all sourced from our own, organically grown, vineyards in the Paarl region. Soils are a combination of decomposed granite and shale.

about the harvest: The grapes were hand-harvested.

in the cellar : The grapes were hand-harvested and then fermented, using "wild yeasts", in small open-topped fermentation tanks. The resulting wines were matured in various sized oak barrels for 12 months before being blended and matured in stainless-steel tanks for a further 4 months.

