

Ridgeback Shiraz Rosé 2011

Fresh summer berries and strawberry sorbet are complemented by hints of rose petal on a creamy mid-palate and long silky finish.

variety : Shiraz | 98% Shiraz, 2% Viognier

winery : Ridgeback Wines

winemaker : Toit Wessels

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 13.5 % vol rs : 3.1 g/l pH : 3.32 ta : 5.6 g/l

type : Rose **style :** Dry **taste :** Fruity

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

Best Value 2011

ageing : 1 - 2 years

about the harvest: All grapes were handpicked at vine ripeness. The Shiraz grapes were harvested on 8 February 2011 and the Viognier grapes were harvested on 27 January 2011.

	Shiraz	Viognier
Sugar	22.1° B	23.5° B
Acid	5.25g/l	5.75g/l
pH	3.43	3.45

in the cellar :

- The Shiraz grapes were destemmed maintaining an 80% wholeberry component and given 4 hours of skin contact during a light pressing. Thereafter the juice was reductively handled until bottling.
- The Viognier grapes were pressed on 27 January 2011. After settling the clear juice was racked to 225 litre French oak barrels where fermentation was completed.
- Fermentation in stainless steel tanks for Shiraz lasted 25 days at 15°C whilst Viognier was fermented in barrel without commercial yeast for 8 days at 20°C.
- Wines were then blended and lightly filtered prior to bottling.

Bottling date: 31 March 2011

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Production: 7 195 bottles

Release: June 2011

