

Tierhoek Grenache-Syrah 2009

This is the first red blend made by Tierhoek. The wine has lovely up-front fruit and perfume on the nose, while the palate is spicy and full bodied, with a long finish and great structure.

Really matches well with meat dishes.

variety : Grenache | 55% Grenache, 40% Syrah and 5% Mourvedre

winery : Tierhoek

winemaker : Ian Niewoudt

wine of origin : Piekenierskloof

analysis : alc : 15 % vol rs : 2.3 g/l pH : 3.73 ta : 5.2 g/l so2 : 50 mg/l fso2 : 15 mg/l

type : Red **style** : Dry **body** : Medium **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure** : Cork

3 1/2 Stars - Platter Rating

in the vineyard : The Grenache block is unirrigated bush vine, that is on a west facing slope, and mainly gets the late afternoon sun. Both the Syrah and Mourvedre are on North-West facing slopes, perfectly suited for these varieties. All 3 varieties are on weathered sand stone. We ensure that tannins are ripe when picked.

in the cellar : We blended this wine from some of our up and coming vineyards. All the wines were fermented individually in open bins and aged in 3rd-5th fill French Oak barrels. The pump-over's were done by siphon to avoid any mechanical harm to the skins. Malolactic fermentation occurs naturally, then small amounts of Sulphur are added only once completed. The wine spent 18 months in the barrels, then blended and bottled. It is really exciting to see what potential is coming out of these young vines.