

Cloof The Very Sexy Shiraz 2009

Darling of origin, darling by nature.

Grown in vineyards that have been described as "Shiraz Heaven", this wine's luscious fruit was accessorised with the very best French oak, making a package that is so appealing and seductive that it could only be named after the experience one has when drinking it.

variety : Shiraz | 100% Shiraz

winery : Cloof Wine Estate

winemaker : Christopher van Dieren

wine of origin : Darling

analysis : alc : 14.32 % vol rs : 3.5 g/l pH : 3.66 ta : 6.1 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fruity **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure :** Screwcap

in the vineyard : Age of Vines: Vineyard planted in 2000 (clone SH22B on Richter 99 rootstock). Vine density of 1666 per hectare.

Trellising: Trellised

Irrigation: Drip irrigated only to avoid stress during the ripening period.

Soil: Predominantly Tukululu

Position: East-West rows positioned on North East facing slope.

about the harvest: Harvest date: 25 - 28 February 2009

Harvest Sugar: 25.5°B

Yield: 6.4 Ton/Ha

in the cellar : Fermentation: The juice had two days of cold soak at 10°C before inoculation and then fermented dry on the skins for eight days, at 30°C. After fermentation it macerated for a further five days before being pressed.

Maturation: After malolactic fermentation in tanks, the wine was transferred to barrels for 12 months (45% new French oak was used). After fining and a light filtration the wine was bottled.

Bottling date: 18 March 2011

