

## De Trafford Blueprint Syrah 2009

Medium deep, bright red colour. Upfront wild dark berry fruit, black pepper and nutmeg nose. Full, rich palate packed with complex, ripe fruit and a spicy, peppery overlay. A little more structured than usual from the exceptional 2009 vintage, expected best between 2013 and 2020.

**variety** : Shiraz | 92% Shiraz, 8% Petit Verdot

**winery** : De Trafford Wines

**winemaker** : David Trafford

**wine of origin** : Stellenbosch

**analysis** : alc : 15.18 % vol rs : 1.8 g/l pH : 3.71 ta : 5.6 g/l va : 0.70 g/l so2 : 20 mg/l fso2 : 53 mg/l

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

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

The De Trafford Blueprint Shiraz carries an outstanding track record achieving consistently high ratings in the Wine Spectator, never less than 90 points.

2008 91 points  
2007 92 points  
2006 91 points  
2005 92 points  
2004 90 points  
2003 91 points

**ageing** : Time in barrel 22 months with no new wood and only two rackings.

**in the vineyard** : Mostly from the neighbouring Keermont vineyard. A north east facing block. 11 yr old vines on 7 wire vertical trellis, clone SH9 on 101.14 rootstock. Soil deep red Hutton, medium potential decomposed granite. Yield 5 tons / hect (36 hl/ha) Also, a smaller portion of younger vines on same soil type and similar yield. Clones SH470 & SH174 on 101-14 & R110 rootstock.

A little from our new "Tip Top Mont Fleur" vineyard. Steep, stony, north west facing slope with narrow rows. Yield 6 tons/hect (43 hl/ha).

8% Petit Verdot included from Keermont vineyard.

**about the harvest**: Typical cold, wet winter followed by a normal growing season with enough rain and warm weather to produce good, balanced growth. A hot, dry ripening period without excessive stress, producing concentrated wines with great structure. One of the best vintages of the decade for the patient.

A massive fire prior to harvest meant a very stressful start to the harvest, but also relief that we were spared any real damage.

Harvest date: 19 / 2 / 09 – 17 / 3 / 09 @ 23.9 – 26.9° Balling.