

Stonedale Shiraz 2011 [Export only]

A wine with lots of berry fruit flavours and a hint of spiciness on the nose which also carries through nicely on the palate. The palate is smooth and well balanced with a touch of toasted oak and juicy tannins, ending with a lingering aftertaste.

Ideal match for red meats, pizza's and pastas. Ideal for outdoor picnics and no need for a corkscrew, it's screw-cap! Serve at room temperature (18°C) or slightly chilled.

variety : Shiraz | 100% Shiraz

winery : Rietvallei Wine Estate

winemaker : Kobus Burger

wine of origin : Breede River

analysis : alc : 13.35 % vol rs : 4.8 g/l pH : 3.6 ta : 6.1 g/l va : 0.77 g/l so2 : 100 mg/l fso2 : 31 mg/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **taste :** Fruity

pack : Bottle **closure :** Screwcap

in the vineyard : Rietvallei Estate mostly comprise of calcareous (red clay and lime mix) soil.

The high content of lime give the soil a very high pH which in return results in wines of a natural low pH. The Shiraz is trellised and under irrigation and was established in 2005.

about the harvest: The grapes are picked at optimum ripeness at approximately 25° Balling (Brix).

in the cellar : After destemming and slight crushing the mash is taken to stainless steel tanks for fermentation on the skins. Cold soaking is done for 2 days or until the fermentation starts naturally when after cultivated wine yeast is immediately inoculated. During fermentation the temperature is controlled between 25 - 28° Celsius and the cap wetted every 2 - 3 hours by means of pump-overs and a process called 'delastage' twice a day. This allows the colour and flavour to be extracted very effectively from the skins. The must normally takes 5 days to ferment dry. Another day is then allowed for additional skin contact before racking and pressing. French oak is then introduced to the wine in the form of staves in stainless steel tanks for malolactic fermentation and maturation for at least 6 months.

Packaging details

Bottel volume: 750ml

Case size: 6 x 750ml

Pallet size: 120 x 6 x 750ml

Case weight: 7.42 kg Closure: Stelvin (Screw-cap)

EAN 750ml Bottle Barcode: 6009673830031

UPC 750ml Bottle Barcode (USA only): 89673300049-9

EAN 6x750ml Case Barcode: 6009673830048

UPC 6x750ml Case Barcode (USA only): 89673300051-2

