

## Graham Beck The Ridge Syrah 2009

A rich blackberry nose with peppery spice and underlying hints of dark chocolate. A broad, juicy, plummy entry supported by elegant silky tannins. Coffee and liquorice fill the palate while careful barrel selection crafts a long lingering spicy finish.

Enjoy with a rich casserole, a hearty stew or any other full flavoured dish.

**variety :** Shiraz | 100% Syrah

**winery :** House of Graham Beck

**winemaker :** Pieter Ferreira

**wine of origin :** Robertson

**analysis :** alc : 14.76 % vol    rs : 3.23 g/l    pH : 3.59    ta : 5.48 g/l

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

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

International Wine Challenge 2012 - Bronze

**in the vineyard :** The Ridge Vineyard is a low-yielding, low vigour 16 year old Shiraz vineyard on the eastern slopes of the Rooiberg on Graham Beck's Robertson farm. The soil is unique with a thirty centimetre layer of red Karoo earth on hard unweathered shale over 400 million years old. Single vineyard registration.

**about the harvest:** The development of the phenolic condition of the grapes was meticulously monitored by the winemaking team. This resulted in 3 individual parcels harvested in the 2nd week of March 2009. All grapes are hand sorted in the vineyard and hand harvested in lug boxes at optimal ripeness.

**in the cellar :** The hand-picked grapes were destalked and cold soaked for 24 hours prior to inoculation for fermentation. The juice was pumped over three times a day to achieve maximum extraction of colour and flavour. A portion of the fermenting juice finished fermentation in barrel. After malolactic fermentation, the wine was racked and returned to the barrels. A rigorous individual barrel tasting over 19 months resulted in the final selection of 80% French and 20% American Oak.



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