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Fairhills Shiraz / Merlot 2011

Deep, vibrant ruby coloured. Pungent spice and fruit on nose, coupled with subtle toasty vanilla oak complementing the blackcurrant/raspberry aromas. Medium bodied palate with easy tannin structure and length.

variety : Shiraz | 70% Shiraz, 30% Merlot
winery : Origin Wine
winemaker : Alain Cajeux
wine of origin : Western Cape
analysis : **alc :** 14.0 % vol **rs :** 4.5 g/l **pH :** 3.4 **ta :** 0.3 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard : Appellation: Western Cape
Area planted: 36 ha
Age of vines: 10 - 12 years
Rootstock: Richter 99
Clone: Unknown
Trellis system: 3 Wire
Irrigation: Yes
Vine density: 2500 vines/ha
Soil: Hutton, Clay & light stone
Climate: Coastal

about the harvest: Date: Middle March
Type: Handpicked
Yield: 8 - 9 ton/ha

in the cellar : Crushing/Destemming: Gentle Destalking
Tanks (type): Stainless Steel
Fermentation protocol (vessel, temp, duration): Pre-fermentation maceration 3 days @ 10°C. tandard (2 x pumpovers) maceration at <30°C until dry
Yeast Strain: Oenoferm Rouge
Malolactic (y/n): No
Lees contact / battonage: No
Barrel ageing (oak type, % of blend, duration): Yes, 10% barrel matured, American Oak MT+
Fining: Bentonite