

The Dark Side Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2008

The Dark Side is all about hedonism - the pursuit of pleasure. We invite wine lovers to succumb to the hedonistic allure of gorgeously sensuous Cabernet Sauvignon entwined with Shiraz and the spiced vanilla of French oak. A wine with curves where others don't have places. Uninhibitedly richer, juicier, bigger, bolder - and proud of it.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Shiraz

winery : Cloof Wine Estate

winemaker : Christopher van Dieren

wine of origin : Darling

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 3.9 g/l pH : 3.91 ta : 5.5 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **closure :** Screwcap

in the vineyard : Age of Vines

Cabernet Sauvignon 1992

Shiraz 1999

Trellising

Cabernet Sauvignon bush vines

Shiraz trellised

Irrigation

Cabernet Sauvignon dry land

Shiraz drip irrigation

Soil: Decomposed granite & Oakleaf

Position: East facing slopes

about the harvest: Harvest date

Cabernet Sauvignon: 4 March

Shiraz: 14 March

Harvest Sugar

Cabernet Sauvignon 24°B

Shiraz 25.5°B

Yield

Cabernet Sauvignon 4.5 Ton/Ha

Shiraz 6.5 Ton/Ha

in the cellar : Fermentation

Cabernet Sauvignon had direct inoculation with yeast and warm fermentation at 30°C.

The Shiraz was directly inoculated with yeast and fermented for 5 days at 32°C and macerated for a further 10 days before being pressed.

Maturation

After malolactic fermentation in tanks, both varietals were transferred to French oak barrels for 15 months before blending. 15% of the blend was in new French oak.

Bottling date: 21 January 2010

