

Bellingham The Bernard Series Small Barrel S.M.V. 2009

Dark ruby with a bright crimson rim. A mosaic of seductive succulent black and red berry and cherry aromas layered with dark chocolate, winter spice, rose and violet facets carried through to an intricate intensely fruited palate that is both powerful and graceful. An attractive and instantly engaging wine with tremendous complexity already.

A great food wine that will match a variety of gastronomy, particularly richer red meat based dishes.

variety : Shiraz | 85% Shiraz, 13% Mourvèdre, 2% Viognier

winery : Bellingham Wines

winemaker : Niel Groenewald

wine of origin : Paarl

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 4.0 g/l pH : 3.4 ta : 6.45 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Cork

2012 Winemakers' Choice Awards - Diamond Award: Other Red Blends Category

2012 International Wine Challenge - Commended

2012 Concours Mondial de Bruxelles - Silver Medal

ageing : Promises seamless integration and intrigue on maturation for up to ten years in the bottle.br /

in the vineyard : The grapes were hand-picked from three sites on the same farm in the Agter-Paarl region. All three components came from low yielding trellised vineyards planted in decomposed granite and overlying clay soils with good water holding capacity.

about the harvest: The Shiraz was hand-picked at optimal ripeness of 26.5°Balling.

in the cellar : Bunch selection at harvest was followed by berry selection on arrival at the cellar before natural co-fermentation between Shiraz, Mourvèdre and Viognier. The young wine underwent malolactic fermentation in new French oak and was barrel matured for a period of 14 months.



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