

## Guardian Peak SMG 2009

Appearance: Bright ruby red.

Aroma: Cigar box and caramelized toffee give the initial impression with a touch of fresh oak character. This wine shows great complexity on the nose.

Palate: The tannins are well integrated with boiled sweet flavours filtering through on the palate. Fresh raspberry and plum flavours give way to a long, juicy finish

**variety** : Shiraz | 60% Shiraz, 31% Mourvedre, 9% Grenache

**winery** : Guardian Peak

**winemaker** : Philip van Staden

**wine of origin** : Stellenbosch

**analysis** : **alc** : 14.50 % vol **rs** : 2.9 g/l **pH** : 3.56 **ta** : 6.0 g/l

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

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

### in the vineyard : CLIMATE

Mediterranean with the rainfall ? 650mm per annum, the Syrah and Mourvèdre grapes were selected from various vineyards that are located in the Stellenbosch region. Different soil types and climatic conditions allow for warmer fruit flavours, as well as adding complexity to the wine. The Grenache comes from bush vines located in the Piekenierskloof region. Although the region has a warm climate, the vineyards are located high on the pass, and therefore enjoy cool evenings due to the prevailing evening breezes from the southwest.

### SOIL

A diverse composition of soil and topography add complexity and an array of different characteristics to the wine.

### about the harvest: Vinification & Style

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### in the cellar : VINIFICATION & STYLE

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