

De Trafford Blueprint Syrah 2010

Medium deep, bright red colour. Upfront wild dark berry fruit, black pepper and nutmeg nose. Full, rich palate packed with complex, ripe fruit and a spicy, peppery overlay. A little more structured than usual from the exceptional 2009 vintage, expected best between 2013 and 2020.

Ideal with a rack of ribs with a little spice or slow roasted pork belly.

variety : Shiraz | 100 % Shiraz

winery : De Trafford Wines

winemaker : David Trafford

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : **alc** : 16.29 % vol **rs** : 3.9 g/l **pH** : 3.74 **ta** : 4.9 g/l **va** : 0.72 g/l **so2** : 9 mg/l **fso2** : 34 mg/l

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

pack : Bottle **closure** : Cork

The De Trafford Blueprint Shiraz carries an outstanding track record achieving consistently high ratings in the Wine Spectator, never less than 90 points.

2008 91 points

2007 92 points

2006 91 points

2005 92 points

2004 90 points

2003 91 points

ageing : Time in barrel 22 months with no new wood and only two rackings.
Expected best between 2013 and 2020.

in the vineyard :

Usually mostly from the neighbouring Keermont vineyard, but this vintage the vines were literally blown away during flowering, and only made up about 40%. A north east facing block. 12 yr old vines on 7 wire vertical trellis, clone SH9 on 101.14 rootstock. Soil deep red Hutton, medium potential decomposed granite. Yield 1 tons / hect (7 hl/ha). Another 40% from Post House vineyard, which we picked a little late – and consequently really ripe.

A little from our "Tip Top Mont Fleur" vineyard. Steep, stony, north west facing slope with narrow rows. Yield 4 tons/hect (29 hl/ha).

about the harvest: A cool, overcast, rainy spring led to poor fruit set and smaller, looser bunches. Very strong winds during flowering dramatically reduced the size of the crop as well as causing some physical damage. The small crop contributed to faster ripening with very ripe grapes of great intensity. A hot, dry harvest and we frantically had to pick most of these blocks as soon as we could - just before, as well as during the mid-March heat wave.