

## Barton Shiraz / Cabernet Sauvignon 2010

Concentrated berries as well as white pepper spice can be found on the nose supported by savoury notes. The palate shows dark, juicy fruit. Good wood integration and tannins are evident on the finish.

**variety :** Shiraz | 63% Shiraz 37% Cabernet Sauvignon

**winery :** Barton Vineyards

**winemaker :** Neils Verburg

**wine of origin :** Western Cape

**analysis :** alc : 14 % vol rs : 2.1 g/l pH : 3.7 ta : 6 g/l

**type :** Red **body :** Medium

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

**in the vineyard :** Barton's vineyards (latitude 34 degrees south) lie in the Botriver Valley on the cooler south slopes of the Kogelberg, some 180 metres above sea level, absorbing the cooling Atlantic breezes from Walker Bay eleven miles distant. The cool sea breeze lowers disease incidence and aids in good colour formation. The frost free moderate cool climate and southerly aspect gives a slow and extended grape ripening period preserving the flavours and aiding phenolic ripeness of the grape. Temperatures in the growing season average between 19 and 22 degrees centigrade. The dominant soil formation is gravely coarse sand with ferruginised quartzite gravel overlying soft weathered Table Mountain sandstone with clay patches. Average annual rainfall is 550 mm.

**about the harvest:** The grapes were handpicked at optimum ripeness.

**in the cellar :** The grapes were handpicked at optimum ripeness, crushed, destalked and selected at Barton Cellar. The juice (or must) was cold soaked for five days prior to fermentation to enable better colour extraction from the skins. Regular pumpovers during fermentation ensured maximum colour, tannin and flavour extraction. Fermentation was at an average temperature of 28 centigrade over 15 days. The wine was pressed and allowed to finish its malolactic fermentation in barrel.

**Barrels:** The wine was aged for 16 months in 100% French Oak barrels of which 25% were new wood, and 25% each 2nd 3rd and 4th fill.

**Blending:** 63% Shiraz 37% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Bottling:** The wine was bottled at Barton Cellar into 11,000 x 750 ml bottles.



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