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Rudera Syrah 2011



The Rudera Syrah 2011 shows powerful aromas of red and black fruit, with ripe plum, cassis and black cherries, as well as spicy notes of black pepper and cloves on the nose. Ripe plum on the palate with firm tannin structure and a lingering rich berry fruit. It has good acidity on the finish and will reward aging.

Be as bold as this wine, and try it with: Grilled Tuna, with creamy Pepper and Portabella mushroom sauce Or Roast duck on a bed of spring onion-infused mashed potatoes, served with Home-made plum sauce

variety : Shiraz | 100% Shiraz
winery : Rudera Wines
winemaker : Chris Keet
wine of origin : Western Cape
analysis : **alc :** 15.0 % vol **rs :** 1.7 g/l **pH :** 3.48 **ta :** 5.9 g/l **va :** 0.57 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **taste :** Fruity **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Cork

The Rudera Syrah has achieved the following accolades:

- Rudera Syrah 2011 rated 4½ in the John Platter South African Wines Guide 2014 edition
- The Rudera Syrah 2001 scored Gold at Veritas 2002; Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate, Issue 145 reviewed the 2001 as 88/100; and John Platter South African Wines Guide 2003, awarded the 2001 vintage 4 stars.
- The 2002 vintage scored 89/100 in The Wine Spectator of June 30, 2005; and 4 stars in John Platter South African Wines Guide 2005.
- The 2003 vintage scored 88/100 in The Wine Spectator February 2006 under 'New Releases'; and the 2003 vintage scored 4 stars in John Platter South African Wines Guide 2005.
- John Platter South African Wines Guide 2007 rated the 2004 vintage 4 stars; and The Wine Spectator scored the Rudera Syrah 2004 as 89/100 in January 2007.
- John Platter South African Wines Guide 2009 rated the 2005 vintage 4 stars.
- The Platter's South African Wines Guide 2010 rated the Syrah 2006 vintage 4½ stars.
- The Platter's South African Wines Guide 2011 rated the Syrah 2009 vintage 4½ stars.
- The Platter's South African Wines Guide 2013 rated the Syrah 2010 vintage 4½ stars.
- In March 2013, the Rudera Syrah 2003 vintage was among the Top 3 Ten years old South African Red wines in the RE:CM 10 Year Old Wine Awards.

ageing : Drinking exceptionally well now and will reward two to six years in bottle.

in the vineyard : Grapes were sourced from Simonsberg vineyards in Stellenbosch. All these vineyards are trellised on a four-wire Perold system. Drip irrigation is available to combine canopy management with stress management.

about the harvest: Handpicked grapes were brought in late in February at 24,6 brix.

in the cellar : Sorting was done in the vineyard, followed by bunch selection in the cellar before crush. The grapes were fermented with inoculated yeast and pumped over three times per day. Extended skin contact lasted for 11 days. 20% new French oak barrels, and 80% second and third fill barrels were used. The wine matured in barrels for 11 months.