

Foothills Vineyards Syrah 2012

Shows ripe plums and brambleberries, with vanilla and spice tones from the oak, while subtle hints of white pepper and dried herbs add to its savouriness. Juicy and elegant, it has no rough edges, is already accessible and enjoyable now, but has the ability to age a few more years.

variety : Shiraz | 95% Shiraz, 5% Viognier

winery : Foothills Vineyards / Klein Welmoed

winemaker : .

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 13.89 % vol rs : 2.2 g/l pH : 3.66 ta : 5.5 g/l

type : Red **wooded**

pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Screwcap

ageing : Juicy and elegant, it has no rough edges, is already accessible and enjoyable now, but has the ability to age a few more years.

in the vineyard : Located in the foothills of the towering Helderberg mountains, a mere 6km from False Bay and within sight of the Atlantic Ocean, these relatively high altitude vineyards enjoy the full benefit of cooling sea breezes and rolling ocean mists. The southern sloping, well-drained sand, gravel and granitic clay soils contribute to an ideal terroir promoting a natural balance between the vigour of the young vines and their yields.

about the harvest:

Age of Vines: Planted in 2008 and 2009

Clone: Shiraz: SH9; Viognier VR1A

Yield: 6 tons/ha

Grapes are handpicked at 22.5° to 23° Balling in the morning when the weather is cooler, and placed in small lug boxes which reduces compaction and damage to the fruit. The grapes are then hand sorted on sorting tables.

in the cellar :

Until we have our own cellar, we are using cellar space at Zorgvliet where their winemaker Niel Moorhouse is helping us with our first few harvests. The wine has 20% new French oak and a balance of 2nd and 3rd fill barrels.

Blend: Shiraz 95%, Viognier 5%

