

Delheim Vera Cruz Estate Shiraz 2012

Deep dark colour; black cherry and berry aromas with hints of chocolate from the oak. Full, juicy palate with good length and well-rounded finish. A wine that will reward with ageing.

variety : Shiraz | 100% Shiraz

winery : Delheim Wine Estate

winemaker : Brenda van Niekerk

wine of origin : Simonsberg-Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 1.78 g/l pH : 3.52 ta : 5.48 g/l

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

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

2015 John Platter Guide - 4½ stars

2015 Tim Atkin Report - 92 points

ageing : Drink now or mature for up to eight years after vintage.

in the vineyard : Selected from a single vineyard, Protea, with two distinct exposures, a cooler south-western slope and a warmer north-western slope. Soils are predominantly of the Oakleaf form. The 18-year-old bushvines are not irrigated.

about the harvest: Great effort is made during harvesting - selected pockets of vines are harvested separately over three harvesting dates, by experienced pickers who make the critical initial selection.

in the cellar :

The grapes were de-stemmed and lightly crushed into open-top fermentors. The juice was allowed to start natural fermentation at low temperatures and after a day inoculated with a selected strain. Fermentation was done at 26°C and drawn-off before dry. A combination of pump-overs and punch-downs were done. The wine spent 16 months in oak barrels, of which 35% were new.

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