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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.

Bottling date: October 2013
Release date: September 2014

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