

## Topiary Shiraz 2008 (UNLABELLED)

Intense deep red colour. Aromas of rich oaky spices, layered with tobacco and ripe berry fruit. Youthful but finely balanced on a gentle tannin backbone. Maturing with grace.

**variety** : Shiraz | 100% Shiraz

**winery** : Topiary Wines

**winemaker** : Chris Albrecht

**wine of origin** : Franschhoek

**analysis** : **alc** : 14.3 % vol **rs** : 3.4 g/l **pH** : 3.59 **ta** : 5.3 g/l **va** : 0.36 g/l

**type** : Red **wooded**

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

**in the vineyard** : A lot of attention is paid to detail in the vineyards regarding canopy management and irrigation scheduling.

**about the harvest**: Green harvesting was practiced as well as pre-harvest sorting in the vineyards. Harvested from mature and trellised vines at a ripeness of 25°B. Harvesting was done early in the morning by hand, followed by rigorous berry sorting.

**in the cellar** : After three days cold soak, wine was fermented dry on the skins with St Georges and NT112 yeast strains. Free-run and press wine was kept separate in small French and American oak barrels, 50% new, for malolactic fermentation and ageing. Batch blending was done after ten months and the blends returned to barrel for an additional two months.

