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Boschendal Grande Reserve 2013

On the nose: ruby depth with outspoken dark berry pastille and fleshy plum aromas layered with winter spice and roast cacao bean complexity.
Palate:The entry is smooth and rich, leading to sumptuous ripe mulberry, black cherry and cassis flavours etched with black pepper and oak spice, finishing with tremendous texture and lingering fruit concentration.

variety : Shiraz | 70% Shiraz, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Malbec, 10% Petit Verdot
winery : Boschendal Estate
winemaker : Lizelle Gerber
wine of origin : Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 14.5 % vol **rs :** 3.0 g/l **pH :** 3.5 **ta :** 5.5 g/l
type : Red
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

ageing : Will age with much complexity for the next five to ten years.

in the vineyard : Vintage character together with site expression is the key to this blend. Grapes were selected from two exceptional cool-climate vineyards in the Helderberg area of Stellenbosch. Vigilant viticulture practised on both sites with an emphasis on timing for best results. Balance between vegetative growth and development of the berries was ensured by opening up of smaller canopies, bunch thinning and leaf plucking.

about the harvest: The 2013 harvest started a bit later than normal. A warm February and March resulted in full, rich and ripe bunches with small concentrated berries. Harvested by hand between 10 March and 8 April.

in the cellar : Each variety was handled separately and fermented in new open-top French oak barrels plus stainless steel open-top fermenters for 10 days with at least four daily punchdowns. Maturation was allowed in first- and second-fill and older 300-litre barrels for 18 months before final blending.



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