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Flagstone Dark Horse Shiraz 2012



Colour: Dark, rich plummy colour.

Bouquet: Complex combination of white pepper, cigar box, mint and a concentration of dark fruit supported by subtle spicy undertones.

Palate: The complexity on the nose flows over to the palate. The wine is big and round on entry with smooth and silky tannins that show well even though the wine is still young. Nice fruit on the back palate combined with a well-balanced acidity is responsible for a lingering finish and rounds off a perfectly balanced wine.

Kudu fillet with couscous and a red wine reduction.

variety : Shiraz | 100% Shiraz
winery : Flagstone Wines
winemaker : Gerhard Swart
wine of origin : Western Cape
analysis : **alc :** 14.5 % vol **rs :** 2.9 g/l **pH :** 3.43 **ta :** 5.0 g/l
type : Red **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

ageing :

Enjoy now.

At Flagstone we aim to make wine that respects our 350 year old winemaking heritage, while always celebrating the magnificence of nature. We want to make gorgeous wines that stimulate your brain as much as they please your taste buds.

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