

Vergelegen Reserve Shiraz 2013

Dark ruby with violets, spice, chocolate, black and red berry fruit on the nose. Elegant on the palate. The flavours are intense and long lasting with soft tannins leading to a long, clean finish.

variety : Shiraz | 100% Shiraz

winery : Vergelegen Wines

winemaker : Andre van Rensburg

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : **alc** : 14.45 % vol **rs** : 3.3 g/l **pH** : 3.61 **ta** : 5.1 g/l

type : Red **style** : Dry **taste** : Fruity **wooded**

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

ageing : Accessible now but will reward careful cellaring over the next 10-15 years.

in the vineyard : The grapes were selected from Vergelegen's Rooiland vineyards, planted on the north to north-westerly slopes.

about the harvest : 2013 was a ripe and concentrated vintage on Vergelegen, comparable to 2012. The vintage will develop with great interest over the next decade or so. Less than 20% of the total Shiraz production made it into the Reserve wine and only 10 000 bottles were produced. Bottling took place on 15 October 2014.

in the cellar : Grapes were hand-picked and de-stemmed BUT not crushed. The de-stemmed grapes were cooled to 8 degrees C and 'cold soaked' for 168 hours. Fermentation took place at 26 degrees C followed by a 14 day maceration on the skins. After malolactic fermentation in stainless steel tanks, the wine went into 25% new French oak barrels for 16 months.

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