

Linton Park Reserve Shiraz 2008

A brazen new world style Shiraz oozing with chocolate, black cherries & spicy-meat tones. Barrel matured for 12 months in American and French oak, finished off with 12 months in 4th fill giving more complexity (coconut & mocha) to the flavour spectrum.

Springbok Carpaccio, duck, oxtail and lamb cuts. Best at a temperature between 16° C and 17° C

variety : Shiraz | 100% Shiraz

winery : Linton Park Wines

winemaker : JG Auret

wine of origin : Paarl

analysis : alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 2.4 g/l pH : 3.50 ta : 5.8 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **wooded**

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

The Vineyards are called De Slange Rivier (Serpent river) and was founded by French Huguenot Louis Fourie in 1699, land granted by Cape Governor Adrian Van Der Stel. 84 Hectares under vine nestling on the high slopes of the Groenberg Mountain, Wellington District with sweeping views across to Table Mountain.

in the vineyard : Climate / Quality of the soil/ Vinesbr /Cool breeze micro-climate, one of the highest vineyards in South Africa with temperatures 6°C cooler than the valley giving our grapes slow ripening. Our vines thrive on the decomposed high mineral granite Oakleaf with sub-dominant Grenrosa and Tukulu soil formations on the mountain. The blocks are carefully manipulated for high concentrated flavour with low yields. Controlled irrigation and 7 strand hedge system with moveable foliage wires. The high trellis system ensures perfect vertical shoot positioning. Hand harvest in February at dawn to keep grapes cool for vinification. The Shiraz vines average 12 years old.br /br /Viticulturist: Rudolf Jansen van Vuuren.

about the harvest: Hand harvesting

in the cellar : De-stemming and crushingbr /Maceration and controlled fermentation at 25°C during 10-14 days, in stainless steel tanks with pump overs twice a daybr /Pressingbr /Malolactic fermentation was finished 2-6 weeks after the end of alcoholic fermentation.br /Twelve months matured in 1st 2nd and 3rd fill Oak barrels, carefully selected French and American oak barrels to match sensory.br /1st, 2nd and 3rd fill wine blended and matured for additional 12 months in 4th fill barrels.br /Stabilizing Filteringbr /Bottling and labelling at the Estatebr /br /Composition: 100% Shirazbr /24 months maturation French & American Oak Barrels