

Laborie Shiraz 2015

This luxurious, deep purple Shiraz has prominent aromas of ripe plum, blackcurrant and dried spice, with hints of aniseed and cloves. The palate benefited from judicious oaking, which delivered a full, juicy tannin structure and good length.

Enjoy the wine on its own, with red meat or with spicy or tomato-based pasta dishes.

variety : Shiraz | 100% Shiraz

winery : Laborie Wines

winemaker : The Winemaking Team

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 14.28 % vol rs : 3.5 g/l pH : 3.44 ta : 5.76 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fragrant **wooded**

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

ageing : This wine can be savoured now or cellared for up to two years from vintage.

in the vineyard : The winter preceding the 2015 vintage was characterized by maximum hours in the optimal range. Bud break was 10 days early. Spring to November was warm on average, but the entire growing season and most of harvest experienced cool evenings. This was fantastic for both flavour development as well as synthesis of phenols, like tannin and colour, which accompanied bright fruit and perfect acidity in the final result. December had warm days and unusually cool evenings, but it was also very dry with the Cape forgoing the usual December and January rains. The moisture constraint in the root zone activated hormonal responses in the vines that sped up ripening even further while ensuring great concentration. Cool evenings meant the vines recovered from the heat of the day and delicate aromatics were preserved. The surprise harvest saw everyone stretched to the limit. Nonetheless, care was taken with each parcel of fruit and the Laborie team met the challenge with aplomb.

in the cellar : This wine was matured in oak for 10 to 12 months.

