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Laborie Limited Collection Shiraz 2015

This elegant, ruby red wine is fruit driven and shows intense aromas of cherry, tomato leaf and smoke with nuances of tobacco leaf and white pepper. It is generous and juicy with enduring tannin and a lingering, velvet finish.

Enjoyable by itself, the Laborie Limited Collection Shiraz does equally well with flavours drawn out in servings alongside rich meat dishes of particularly rump and sirloin.



variety : Shiraz | 100% Shiraz
winery : Laborie Wines
winemaker : The Winemaking Team
wine of origin : Western Cape
analysis : **alc :** 14.47 % vol **rs :** 3.16 g/l **pH :** 3.43 **ta :** 6.32 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Cork

ageing : Savour the wine now or cellar for up to six years.

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 KWV team met the challenge with aplomb.

in the cellar : The wine was aged for 18 months in barrel. A 50% portion of the blend was matured in first-fill barrels; the rest in second and third-fill barrels.