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Foothills Vineyards Syrah 2015



It has lots to offer, this is a complex wine. There's tobacco leaf from the 12 months in barrel (10% new), to add to the maraschino cherry richness.

The secondary flavour spectrum is typical of the variety, dusty, earthy, white pepper, a touch of fynbos, more Old World, Rhône-like, than fruit-driven New World. A touch of Viognier lifts the perfume with gentle floral nuances.

Elegant, supple and streamlined, it nevertheless has a firm enough savoury finish to handle rich dishes, or ensure good ageing potential.

variety : Shiraz | 100% Shiraz
winery : Foothills Vineyards / Klein Welmoed
winemaker : Bernard le Roux
wine of origin : Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 14.14 % vol **rs :** 2.4 g/l **pH :** 3.57 **ta :** 5.5 g/l **va :** 0.70 g/l **so2 :** 100 mg/l **fso2 :** 36 mg/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **taste :** Fragrant **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Screwcap

in the vineyard : Located in the foothillsof thetowering Helderbergmountains, a mere 6km from False Bay and within sight of the Atlantic Ocean, these relatively high altitude vineyards enjoy the full benefit of cooling sea breezes and rolling ocean mists. The southern sloping, well-drained sand, gravel and granitic clay soils contribute to an ideal terroir promoting a natural balance between the vigour of the young vines and their yields.

about the harvest:
Age of Vines: Planted in 2008 and 2009
Clone: Shiraz: SH9
Yield: 6 tons/ha

Grapes are handpicked at 22.5° to 23° Balling in the morning when the weather is cooler, and placed in small lug boxes which reduces compaction and damage to the fruit. The grapes are then hand sorted on sorting tables.

in the cellar : Our experienced winemaker, Bernard Le Roux has been a part of the Foothills team since early 2014 and is passionate about producing site specific wines which reflect our unique terroir. The wine lay for 12 months in 100% French Oak barrels of which 20% were new wood and the balance being 2nd and 3rd fill barrels. We use only 225 litre barrels for our Syrah.