

Rascallion Wines Bombinate 2016

An exotic and vibrant wine with an inky core of prunes, blackberries and olive tapenade. This full-bodied wine has a juicy, creamy entry with soft round tannins and a long lingering finish. Textured, composed and elegant.

variety : Shiraz | 85% Shiraz, 15% Grenache Noir

winery : Rascallion Wines

winemaker : Johan Joubert

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 14% % vol rs : . g/l pH : . ta : . g/l

type : Red **body** : Full **wooded**

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

Bombinate: Rumbling, buzzing noise (of bees stirring)

Red, full - Shiraz based - red blend

in the vineyard : Parcels of selected grapes were picked from high altitude Granite soils, on which the Shiraz and Grenache varietals ripened. The phenolic-ripeness were regularly tested during the ripening process, to ensure optimal ripeness.

in the cellar : The Shiraz fruit comes from Stellenbosch, and are dry-land farmed vineyards, ensuring deep-rooted vines. This combination assists with optimal concentration of color, flavor and tannin structure. The Grenache Noir is also sourced from Stellenbosch from sandy soils, the perfect terroir for ripening these grapes. The bunches were carefully selected and picked early in the morning, and then kept separately to ensure that the constancy of the blend always remain. Open top fermenters were used for both wines, with punch down every four hours for the first three days and thereafter every six hours for six days to extract depths of color and flavor, before malolactic fermentation and maturation took place. The wine was matured for 18 months in small French Oak barrels, before the components were blended.

