

Delheim Vera Cruz Shiraz 2015

Deep red/purple in colour. Potpourri, black pepper and spice on the nose. Blueberries flavours are supported by a plush tannin structure that lingers on the palate. This full bodied wine is age worthy and will reward the wine connoisseur in the years to come.

variety : Shiraz | 100% Shiraz
winery : Delheim Wine Estate
winemaker : Reg Holder
wine of origin : Simonsberg-Stellenbosch
analysis : alc : 14.67 % vol rs : 1.98 g/l pH : 3.70 ta : 5.21 g/l
type : Red style : Dry body : Full taste : Fragrant wooded
pack : Bottle size : 750ml closure : Cork

ageing : Careful maturation for 4 - 6 years after bottling will reward the wine connoisseur

in the vineyard : Selected from a single vineyard, known as the "Skooltjie" (school) bushvine. 21 year old double-row bushvines on Oakleaf soils, facing South-Southwest.

about the harvest: Great effort is made during harvesting. Selected pockets of vines are harvested separately over 3 harvesting dates. Grapes are harvested by experienced pickers where the critical initial selection is made.

in the cellar : Grapes were harvested on three different ripening levels. This is done to ensure diversity of fruit and adds to the complexity of flavours on the palate. The grapes were destalked and lightly crushed before fermentation took place in small open fermenters. The juice was allowed to start natural fermentation at low temperatures and after a day inoculated with a selected commercial yeast strain. Temperature during fermentation was carefully controlled between 26 - 28 °C with punch downs done three times per day. The must was drained after alcoholic fermentation was completed and allowed to undergo malolactic fermentation in 500L barrels. The wine spent 15 months in 500L barrels with 30% of the barrels being new. It was racked into 2nd and 3rd fill 500L barrels and spends another 3 months in these barrels before being racked and bottled.

Bottling date: December 2016

Release date: To be confirmed



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