

Laborie Shiraz 2016

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 : 14.13 % vol rs : 3.5 g/l pH : 3.51 ta : 5.76 g/l

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

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

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

in the vineyard : The winter preceding the 2016 vintage was cold enough to ensure good rest, it broke under far drier conditions than normal. Bud break was generally even and on schedule, with the exception of Sauvignon Blanc. Heat spiked in October and while gentle breezes favoured good set, some varieties remained inconsistent - even within the same bunch or cluster. The significantly smaller harvest coupled with the dry conditions induced earlier ripening. Late December and early January brought the heat with a six-week period where temperatures regularly rose above 35°C. Reds look very good whereas whites were challenging due to lower acids, but the winemaking team were up to the challenge and produced a solid performance.

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

