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Elgin Vintners Ridgelands Syrah 2016

Vibrant, youthful purple hues in the glass. The aromatic intensity of the nose evokes nuances of sweet cranberries and a liberal dose of white pepper, so typical of cool climate Shiraz from the Rhône Valley. Medium bodied on the palate, this Shiraz is a marriage of sweet red fruit, blackberry fruit pastilles layered with white pepper and spice. The lingering finish shows good balance between dark fruit, spiciness and subtle oaking imparted from 20 months maturation in oak. This Shiraz has excellent maturation potential.

variety : Shiraz | 100% Shiraz
winery : Elgin Vintners
winemaker : Marinda Kruger-Claassen
wine of origin : Elgin
analysis : **alc :** 13 % vol **rs :** 2 g/l **pH :** 3.59 **ta :** 5.2 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork



Our Ridgelands range of wines are domain and vineyard specific. Carefully selected to express a true sense of place.

in the vineyard : This is a cool area, situated 12-20 km from the sea, with mean February (ripening stage) temperatures of 19 - 20°C. Soils are predominantly ferruginous (iron rich) gravel on highly weathered, soft Bokkeveld Group shale, situated at 200-300 m altitude and surrounded by Table Mountain sandstone mountains at heights of about 500 - 1000m, sheltering the area from the often extremely strong south-easterly winds in summer.

in the cellar : The grapes were crushed, de-stalked and allowed 3 days cold soak. The fermentation took a total of 14 days at an average temperature of 24°C with regular four hourly pump overs. Malolactic fermentation commenced on the skins. This post maceration lasted 12 days. The wine was pressed, allowed to settle and finished malolactic fermentation in tank. The wine was then racked to barrel where it spent 12 months is 90% French oak and 10% American, of which 25% was new. The wine was bottled without any fining and given a filtration before being bottled on the 10th March 2017.

Packaging : Burgundy Bottle/ Cork closure 6009 8144 3096-0 Ridgelands Syrah - single 750ml bottle 6009 8144 3097-7 Ridgelands Syrah - 6 x 750ml 2550 lit / 566 cases (6 x 750ml) produced.