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Rudera Syrah 2001

A lively colour; ruby red and violet-rimmed. Fragrant, fig-like, spicy and earthy nose. Some sweaty Syrah character. Soft, ripe fruit, yet crisp and firm.
Good soft tannins and lovely aftertaste.

variety : Shiraz | 100% Shiraz
winery : Rudera Wines
winemaker : .
wine of origin : Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 13.0 % vol **rs :** 2.9 g/l **pH :** 3.57 **ta :** 5.8 g/l
type : Red
pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Cork

Veritas 2002 - Gold.Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate, Issue 145 - 88/100. Platter Wine Guide 2003 rated this wine ****



ageing :

Drinking well now and will reward two to three years in bottle.

in the vineyard :

Three different vineyards were used; one on shale, another on Koffieklip in Koelenhof, and the third a vineyard on sandstone, on the Banhoek side of Helshoogte. All these vineyards are trellised on a four-wire perold system. Drip irrigation is available to combine canopy management with stress management. The average age of the vines is seven years and the quality of fruit should improve every year.

about the harvest:

Handpicked grapes were brought in on 27 February at 24,4Â° brix. The pH was 3.1 with a titratable acid of 8,3 g/l. Sorting was done in the vineyard, followed by bunch selection in the cellar before crush. Our total production was 7,1 tons per hectare (48hl/ha) and 1060x6x750ml was made.

in the cellar :

Sorting was done in the vineyard, followed by bunch selection in the cellar before crush. The grapes were fermented with an innoculated yeast (WE372) and pumped over three times per day. Two separate fermentations were done - a small amount in new oak for seven days and the rest in tanks at 29ÂºC, and fermentation lasted six days. Extended skin contact lasted a total of 11 days.

The wine underwent malolactic fermentation in barrel. 20% new French oak barrels, and 80% second and third fill barrels were used. Most of the barrels are from the cooper Vicard. The wine was racked using only gravitation. This was done for the first time after malolactic fermentation, and again in August. The wine matured in barriques for 11 months.

The wine is unfiltered and received only an egg white fining before being bottled.