

Val du Charron Theatre of Wine Black Countess 2016

Ruby red rim indicates youth. An elegant complex wine with cassis, blueberry, blackberry, cherry, and hints of dried herbs, vanilla and cinnamon; Velvety tannins and sweet cranberry and cherry flavours creates a richness which makes this a delicious elegantly styled wine with a lingering aftertaste where the red fruit aromas dominate and the oak creates the basis for the fruit to express itself.

variety : Shiraz | 59% Shiraz, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Mourvedre, 13% Grenache

winery : Val du Charron Wine & Leisure Estate

winemaker : Juhan Hunlun

wine of origin : Wellington

analysis : alc : 14.40% % vol rs : 2.9 g/l pH : 3.58 ta : 5.2 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **taste :** Fruity **wooded**

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

in the cellar : Each individual cultivar was treated separately to emphasize their unique characteristics. All varieties underwent alcoholic fermentation in conical five ton stainless steel tanks inoculated with specific yeast strains to enhance the terroir and the grapes' natural fruitiness. Pumped and punched down by hand six times per day for more extraction and concentration, the wines then went through malolactic fermentation in flex tanks with oak staves or in 2nd fill 500 L barrels – all top quality French and American oak. Maturation took place over a period of 12 months in oak. Thereafter the Countess was carefully blended and bottled.

