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Thelema Shiraz 2015

Aromatic and inviting, this flavorful Shiraz shows ripe black fruit, cassis and lovely spice on the palate.

Grilled meats, meat casseroles and mature strong cheeses.

variety : Shiraz | 100% Shiraz
winery : Thelema Mountain Vineyards
winemaker : Gyles Webb & Rudi Schultz
wine of origin : Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 14.0 % vol **rs :** 1.7 g/l **pH :** 3.49 **ta :** 5.4 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fragrant **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

ageing : Will continue to develop for 7 years from vintage.

in the vineyard : Root stock: Mgt 101-14 and Richter 110
Soil type: Hutton – decomposed granite
Age of vines: Planted 2000 & 2001
Plant density: 2300 – 3200 vines per hectare
Trellising: VSP & Guyot
Pruning: 2-bud spurs every 12cm & Cane pruning
Yield: 12 tones per hectare
Irrigation: Supplementary drip
Vintage: Cool start to the season delaying harvest by a week or so leading to an exceptional vintage with red wines of great purity, elegance and concentration.

about the harvest: Picking date: 2nd March 2015
Grape sugar: 24.6 °B
Acidity: 6.0 g/L
pH at harvest: 3.45

in the cellar : Yeasts: Natural occurring yeasts
Fermentation temp: 27 °C
Method: De-stalked, crushed, pumped into stainless steel tanks, pumped over for 6 days, left for 2 days before pressing. Racked to barrel for malolactic fermentation
Wood Maturation: 18 months in French oak barrels, 35% new and the balance older barrels.

