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Muratie Ronnie Melck Syrah Family Selection 2020

Intensely concentrated berries result in a wine displaying the bold refinement reminiscent of a northern Rhone Syrah. Rich blackberries, currants and cherries burst onto the palate, while hints of black olive, pepper, smoke and even bacon add savoury appeal. Tannins are firm but fine grained and a very long finish.

variety : Shiraz | 100% Shiraz
winery : Muratie Wine Estate
winemaker : Hattingh de Villiers
wine of origin : Simonsberg-Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 14.86 % vol **rs :** 3.0 g/l **pH :** 3.55 **ta :** 5.7 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fragrant **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

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ageing : add savoury appeal. Tannins are firm but fine grained and a very long finish promises great ageing potential.

As a direct descendant of Martin Melck (who owned Muratie from 1763 to 1781), Ronnie rekindled a centuries old love affair and fulfilled a lifelong dream when he bought this gracious old wine farm in 1987, welcoming it back into the Melck fold. Humble, hon est and full of integrity, he lived for Muratie and is the only owner whose remains rest here, under the trees on the highest part of the farm.

in the vineyard : From a very old, low yielding single vineyard (2 tonnes per hectare), planted in 1977, this wine is made in extremely limited amounts, with each bottle numbered by hand.

in the cellar : Made in traditional open fermenters and matured for 16 months in French oak (100% new) this wine was bottled unfined and unfiltered and honours Ronnie's warm personality, 'photogra phic palate' and instinctive flair for winemaking.

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