

Cyril Back Shiraz 2000

Colour: Dark ruby red.

Aroma: Deep ripe black fruits, smoked ham, white pepper and high tone vanilla aromas.

Palate: Concentrated spicy fruit with good balance and long finish.

variety : Shiraz | Shiraz

winery : Fairview Wines

winemaker : Anthony de Jager

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 14.7 % vol rs : 2.95 g/l pH : 3.61 ta : 5.45g/l g/l

type : Red

2000 - Silver at the South African Trophy Wine Show 2002

2000 - Bronze at the International Wine Challenge 2002

2000 - Silver at the Veritas Awards 2002

2000 - 4 stars John Platter Guide

2000 - 90 points in the Wine Spectator

2000 - Bronze at the International Wine Challenge 2003

2000 - Gold at the Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2003

2001 - Silver at the International Wine Challenge 2003

ageing : Drinks well now, but will improve with 4 to 20 years in the bottle.

in the vineyard : The 2000 Cyril Back Shiraz is produced from grapes that were grown on a number of different blocks at Fairview. A hillside block on decomposed granite and a low yielding vineyard on sandy valley floor soils. Yields of Shiraz are kept to less than 7 tons/ha.

in the cellar : The grapes were destemmed and very lightly crushed. Rhone yeasts were used for fermentation. Malolactic for some of this wine was completed in tank with the remainder in barrel; the wine was racked and sent to barrel for 14 months. Wine from both French and American oak barrels were selected for this wine.