

Bellingham Shiraz 1998

Colour: Deep rich ruby with great depth.

Nose: Forthcoming and elegant with complex black berry/cherry fruit aromas with rich leather, white pepper spices and vanilla sweetness.

Palate: Smooth, rich, complex and full bodied with all the aromas through on the palate and after taste. Firm tannins with a sweet vanilla finish.

Overall: An elegant full-bodied wine with concentrated fruit and spices, soft but firm tannins.

variety : Shiraz | 100% Shiraz

winery : Bellingham Wines

winemaker : Charles Hopkins

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 14.16 % vol rs : 2.5 g/l pH : 3.83 ta : 5.88 g/l

type : Red

pack : Bottle



ageing : Great ageing potential.

in the vineyard : The grapes are from six carefully selected vineyards in the coastal region. Soils are generally deep and well drained and the yields, low.

about the harvest: The harvesting only commences when the grape reach phenolic ripeness, this ensures greater extract and soft ripe fruit tannins.

in the cellar : The grapes are destalked and the juice is fermented on the skins until dry with two aerations per day. The wine is then pressed and transferred into American oak casks (80% new) where malolactic fermentation takes place and the wine matures for 13 months.