

Robertson Winery Wolfkloof Shiraz 2003

86 points Wine Enthusiast, USA

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Silver Medal - Star Wine 2005 Winner USA.

Mulberry, cinnamon and clove aromas combine with flavours of blackberries and spice on the palate. Soft, ripe tannins and well-integrated oak provide structure and a plushly textured mouthfeel. Serve at 10Å° - 12Å°C.

variety : Shiraz | 100% Shiraz

winery : Robertson Winery

winemaker : Jaqcues Roux

wine of origin : Breede River

analysis : alc : 15.0 % vol rs : 3.6 g/l pH : 3.75

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

pack : Bottle

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ageing : Up to 7 years

in the vineyard : The Wolfkloof Shiraz derives its balance and structure from the vineyard's situation on the cool south-facing slope at the foot of the Langeberg Mountains, with its water-retaining Oakleaf soils. Careful vineyard management resulted in a harvest of small, concentrated berries. The farm has been owned by the Heyl family, one of Robertson Winery's 43 member families, since 1886.

Farm: Wolfkloof

Soil type: Deep Oakleaf

Trellising: Five-wire Perold system

Water management: Regulated deficit irrigation resulting in small berries and concentration of flavour

Row direction: South-east to north-west

about the harvest: The grapes were hand-harvested in small baskets at 26,5Å° Balling/Brix (14.5 BaumÅ©) in mid March 2003.

Yield: 6 tons per hectare

in the cellar : Fermentation took place in small open fermenters at 28Å° - 30Å° Celsius. The cap was punched down manually every 6 hours to extract colour and flavour. Wine underwent 3 weeks of extended post-fermentation skin contact with malolactic fermentation in the barrel.

Barrel maturation: 13 Months in new 225-litre barrels (80% French and 20% American oak)

Bottling date: 7 June 2004



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