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VERGELEGEN



RESERVE SHIRAZ 2003

Origin

The grapes were selected from Vergelegen's own 1 ha Shiraz vineyard. The vineyard is situated on Rooiland, which is cooler than our Stonepine vineyards. This small block is intensely manipulated to simulate optimal growing conditions.

Vinification

The grapes were hand-picked and transported in 500kg bins to the Vergelegen winery. Care is taken to ensure that no over ripe or damaged fruit is used in the winemaking process. All the grapes were crushed and destemmed. The Shiraz must was then inoculated with Rhone yeast, D254. Fermentation took 5 days and was conducted at a temperature of 30° C in closed vessels. This was followed by a further 14 days maceration on the skins. Pressing was very gentle and the young wine was matured for 14 months in 30% new French oak and the balance in second and third fill French oak.

Composition

100 % Shiraz

Analysis

14.5 % Alc
2.9 g/l RS
5.9 g/l TA
3.53 pH

Maturation

Drink now or enjoy over the next decade.