



SARONSBERG

TULBAGH

Provenance Shiraz 2017

The soft textured tannins, full-bodied mouth-feel and silken finish lends itself as a platform for a heady mix of red berry and black fruit flavours combined with floral notes and fynbos nuances.

Harvest

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| Cultivar: | Shiraz |
| Clones: | SH1, SH9, SH99, SH22, SH21, SH35 |
| Rootstock: | R99, R110, SO4 and Mgt 101-14 |
| Age: | Average 14 years |
| Soil: | Structured red and yellow clay soils with coarse gravel, well drained sandy-loam soils with a high stone content and some partially weathered shale soils |
| Yield: | 7.4 ton/ha (46 hl/ha) |
| Balling: | 24,5 °B |
| pH: | 3.35–3.55 |
| Total acid: | 5.80–6.4 g/l |

Fermentation

The grapes were hand-picked in the early morning and force-cooled to 4 °C. Then they were bunch-sorted, destemmed and berry-sorted on vibration tables by 25 highly trained staff. On average 65% of the berries were gently crushed (while the rest was kept whole) before being deposited into a satellite tank and transported to both open and closed fermenters. The must was dejuiced by 8 to 12% depending on the vineyard. It was given a cold soak of 3 to 4 days at 9 °C protected by a CO2 blanket. The juice was pumped over once daily during this period. The tanks were then heated to 18 °C and inoculated with BM45, L2056 and D254 yeast. The fermentation temperature was allowed to peak at 28 °C. The fermenting cap was punched down three times daily and two pump-overs were done per day. Total time on the skins varied from 11 to 18 days. The wine was then pressed into 30% new and 70% second and third-fill 300 liter Allier French oak barrels. The press fraction was separated. Malolactic bacteria were inoculated and malolactic fermentation was completed in the barrels. After malolactic fermentation, the wines were given a low sulphur dose and left on the gross lees for 10 months. The wine was then racked, blended and returned to barrel. After a total of 19 months in barrel, the wine was filtered through a coarse sheet filter. Bottling was done with a fine sheet filtration.

Analysis

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| Alcohol: | 14.57% |
| Total acid: | 5.8 g/l |
| pH: | 3.52 |
| Residual sugar: | 3.70 g/l |
| Volatile acidity: | 0.64 g/l |
| Free sulphur: | 27 mg/l |
| Total sulphur: | 91 mg/l |



Awards:

2016 Vintage

- National Wine Challenge 2018: Top 100
- Shiraz SA: Top 12 Shiraz
- South African Wine Index: Platinum
- Michelangelo Wine Awards: Gold
- Tim Atkin SA Report: 90 Points

2015 Vintage

- National Wine Challenge 2017: Double Gold
- South African Wine Index: Platinum
- Michelangelo Awards: Double Gold

2014 Vintage

- National Wine Challenge 2016: Double Gold
- South African Wine Index: Platinum
- Tim Atkin SA Report: 88 Points

2013 Vintage

- South African Wine Index: Platinum
- National Wine Challenge: Double Gold

2012 Vintage

- Veritas: Gold
- Wine Style People's Choice Awards 2014: Double Gold
- Tim Atkin SA Report 2015: 91 Points

2011 Vintage

- Concours Mondial de Bruxelles: Grand Gold
- Michelangelo Wine Awards: Gold
- Veritas: Gold
- Winemakers' Choice: Diamond Award
- Classic Wine: Top 6
- Decanter Awards: Gold
- China Wine & Spirits Awards: Gold

2010 Vintage

- National Wine Challenge: Top 100
- Michelangelo Wine Awards: Gold
- Classic Wine: Top 6
- Decanter World Wine Awards: Gold

2009 Vintage

- National Wine Challenge: Top 100

2008 Vintage

- Michelangelo Awards: Gold

2007 Vintage

- Concours Mondial de Bruxelles: Gold
- Veritas: Gold

2006 Vintage

- Winemakers' Choice Awards: Diamond Award
- Michelangelo Wine Awards: Double Gold

2005 Vintage

- Winemakers' Choice Awards: Gold
- Gold Swiss International Airlines Wine Awards: Gold