Shiraz Private Cellar 2010



Cultivar

100% Shiraz

Characteristics

Elegance, finesse, complexity and concentration of fruit - full bodied

Tasting notes

The 2010 vintage will be remembered for its layered and complex character. It shows an enchanting deep crimson colour with aromas of cinnamon, black fruit and liquorice. There is a vibrant acid level with an elegant tannin structure which is well rounded and complex on the creamy palate. The balance of oak, spice and fruit is exceptional.

In The Vineyard

Soil Low yielding, well drained vertical shale/schist Aspect west, north and east Trellis and bush vines

Harvest

Grapes were night harvested and picked by hand to retain flavours. Yield: 5.8 tons/ha

Cellar Practices

A 48 hour cold maceration period was given prior to fermentation to extract colour and fruit. During fermentation extraction by a combination of punch downs and pipeage were done 3 times a day. MLF took place in the barrel. Matured for 22 months in 35% new, 50% 2nd fill and 15%3rd fill 300 litre French barrels.

Analysis

WinemakerPierre WahlAlcohol15.03 %Acidity6.0 g/lAppellationTulbagh

Ageing Potential At least 15 years after vintage

Serving Temperature

Recommended to be served at 17°C

Viticulturist Neville Dorrington Residual sugar 2.2 g/l pH 3.53