



VONDELING BALDRICK SHIRAZ 2010

VONDELING

(Sauvignon Blanc 86%, Mourvèdre 12%, Viognier 2%)

Vineyards: Initially only the younger vines were used for this blend, but as the vines are no longer so young, we select the blocks and clones which provide more aromatics and a more accessible palate.

The vineyards are planted on well weathered granite derived soils on south and southeast facing slopes. In total six clones of Shiraz were planted, all making different contributions to the final wine.

Highly selective hand picking procedures are implemented to ensure that only the best fruit arrives at the winery. At picking, flavours of raspberry and blackcurrant were present in the fruit.

Vinification

After being chilled overnight, the previous day's fruit goes through preliminary bunch sorting, after which the grapes are destemmed and berry sorting is applied. The sorted berries drop straight into open-top tanks where cold soaking takes place. Cool fermentation with hand plunging/mixing allows the winemaker to produce a more elegant, fruit-driven profile. After fermentation, the wine is transferred to barrel for malolactic fermentation, which softens and enhances the subtle characteristics of the wine. Older French oak barrels were used for maturation, so as not to over-wood the wine and disrupt its subtle balance. After 11 months in barrel, the wine was blended and bottled.

Tasting notes

- Colour:** Rich deep purple colour.
Nose: Opulent red and blackberry fruit, with a hint of caramel, a touch of exotic spice and a delightful floral lift.
Palate: The aromas glide seamlessly through to the finish across a smooth and accessible palate. Simply put, this wine was tailor-made to excite your taste buds.
Pairing: An accessible wine and an affable chap, Baldrick Shiraz can be enjoyed with a multitude of dishes. He'll compliment a Fillet Minjon with crème de cassis or can simply be enjoyed with a Sunday roast, mash and gravy. He can even be enjoyed with turnip...

Technical

Analysis

pH	3.5
Total Acidity	6.2 g/l
Residual Sugar	4.3 g/l
Alcohol	14.0 %

Bottle Specifications

Volume	750ml
Total Mass	1.2kg
Height	300mm
Diameter	81mm

