



TOKARA SHIRAZ 2015

ANALYSIS

Alc% by vol.	Residual sugar	Total acidity	pH
14.5 %	1.9 g/l	5.1 g/l	3.50

Origin: This is a blend of 93% Shiraz and 7% Mourvedre from Tokara's Stellenbosch property on the Simonsberg Mountain just outside of Stellenbosch.

Cropping and harvesting: The vineyards crop at between 12 and 20 t/ha. The grapes were handpicked at optimal ripeness with sugars between 22.5 and 26 degrees brix and acidities ranging from 4.5 to 7.5 g/l.

Winemaking: First the fermenters are loaded with 25% whole bunches by hand before the remaining capacity of the tank is filled with destemmed and crushed fruit. The grapes are left to cold soak until the fermentation starts spontaneously. They were fermented in stainless steel and wooden upright (foudre) fermenters. Pump-over's, dellastage and punching down of the cap were implemented twice a day for extraction until fermentation was completed. The tanks were given maceration post fermentation if the quality warranted it, depending on tannin development. The wines were put to barrel for malolactic fermentation after which they were sulphured up and left in barrel for further maturation. The wines spend a total of ten months in barrel, 9% of which is new French barriques with the balance being 2nd to 5th fill barriques. After which the batches are blended and then kept in stainless steel for a further 6 months before being filtered and bottled. The wine was bottled in May 2016.

Production:

42 000 bottles

TASTING NOTES: The wine has a stunning garnet colour leading to a ruby red rim. The aromas are full of notes of chinese five spice, ripe red fruits, violets and dried herbs. The palate is packed full of ripe red berry flavours, with notes of dried herbs and sweet spices. The tannins are firm yet silky lingering on the finish .

Drink now or through till 2020

Food pairing: A perfect pairing with roast pork loin, quail, or duck breast.