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BEAUMONT

Shiraz 2003



TASTING NOTES

A supple, harmonious shiraz that exhibits spicy, gamey characters on both the nose and palate with seamlessly integrated oak. A powerful, expressive example of this varietal; big, rich, sweet black fruits, hint of smoked meat, cassis, violets and licorice - all within the structure of a good food wine.

87/88 points, STEVE TANZER "Good full red. Musky aromas of dark plum and leather; funky in an inviting way. Sweet and lush in the mouth, with just enough harmonious acidity to hold it together. Finishes very ripe with sweet, gentle tannins."

TOP WINE OF 2005 (4-STAR), DECANTER. "Classic nose! Sweet, hints of reduction, leather, smoke and some sweet toffee. Generous, blackberry, coffee, good balance - long, classy. Drink now."

THE ESTATE & THIS VINEYARD

The Beaumont family live, grow grapes and make their wine on the historic farm known as Compagnes Drift, which was once an outpost for the Dutch East India Company in the 1700s. Just over an hour southeast of Cape Town near the coastal village of Hermanus, the farm is a mere five, open miles from the cool southern Indian and Atlantic Oceans. Near the mountain source of Bot River, they benefit from gently sloping land of ancient Bokkeveld Shale - a duplex of gravelly topsoil with a clay subsoil. On the southern face of the Stellenbosch Mountains, the area is considered a 'cool climate'.

Jayne and Raoul Beaumont began to call this charming farm 'home' in 1973, tending the chenin vines and making their own wine for the first time in 1993. The blocks of shiraz were planted in 1996 using rootstock imported from France.

WINEMAKING

A complex wine from three different vineyard sites gives character to this Rhone-style shiraz. This is the first vintage that 3% mourvedre has been blended, which adds depth - especially in the mid-palate. The wine was matured in 80% French oak barrels, 20% American and of the total, 25% were new.

ANALYSIS

Varietal	Shiraz 97%, Mourvedre 3%	alcohol	14.9%
Maturation	Oak barrels	residual sugar	2.4 g/l
Appellation	Bot River, Walker Bay, South Africa	total acidity	5.8 g/l
Production	1500 (12x750ml)	pH	3.6



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