



Full Circle 2014



SARONSBERG

TULBAGH

Harvest

Cultivar:	Shiraz 89%, Grenache 7% Mourvèdre 3%, Viognier 1%
Clones:	SH1, SH22, MT11, VI642
Rootstock:	R99 and Mgt 101-14
Age:	Average 9 years
Soil:	Structured red soils with coarse gravel and weathered shale soils
Yield:	4,5 tons per hectare (31 hl/ha)
Balling:	25,5 °B
pH:	3,30 – 3,60
Total acid:	6,0 – 7,8 g/l

Fermentation

The grapes were hand-picked in the early morning and force cooled to 4 °C. The Shiraz and Mourvèdre components were then bunch sorted, destemmed and berry sorted on vibration tables by 25 highly trained staff. The berries were gently crushed into a satellite tank and deposited separately in open fermenters. The must was dejuiced by 12%. It was given a cold soak of 4 days at 9 °C protected by a CO₂ blanket. The juice was pumped over once daily during this period.

The Shiraz and Mourvèdre 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 and then brought down to 24 °C. The fermenting cap was manually punched down three times and one pumpover daily. The Shiraz was given extended maceration after fermentation for 18 days total on the skins and then pressed into 100% new Allier French oak barrels. The Mourvèdre was pressed at 0°B and finished fermentation in barrels. The Viognier was cold fermented separately in barrels. The press fractions were separated. Malolactic bacteria were inoculated and malolactic fermentation was completed in the barrel.

After malolactic fermentation the wines were given a low sulphur dose and left on gross lees for 11 months. The wine was then racked, the different components blended and returned to barrels. After a total of 19 months in barrels the wine was racked and filtered through a coarse sheet filter. Bottling was done with a fine sheet filtration. The wine was bottle matured for 12 months prior to release.

Analysis

Alcohol:	14,37 vol %
Total acid:	6,3 g/l
pH:	3,44
Residual sugar:	3,6 g/l
Volatile acidity:	0,63 g/l
Free sulphur:	27 mg/l
Total sulphur:	103 mg/l

This acclaimed wine has a deep, dark purple colour with prominent ripe plum, red berry flavours combined with floral notes and undertones of spice. The oak is well balanced with full, firm yet accessible tannins. A wine of depth, complexity and grace.





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Awards

2014 Vintage

Top 100 SA Double Platinum 2016
Gold IWC 2016
IWC South African Red Wine Trophy 2016
Gold Decanter 2016
SAWi 2016 Platinum Recipient
SAWi 2016 Top Category Rhone Blend

SAWi – South African Wine Index 2015

Category Winner – Rhone Blend
Platinum Award – Rhone Blend

2013 Vintage

Veritas Gold 2015
IWC Gold 2015
IWC National Shiraz Grenache Mourvedre Trophy Winner 2015
IWC Regional Trophy 2015
IWC SA Red Wine Trophy 2015
Top 100 SA Wine Challenge 2015
Decanter 2015 Gold
Tim Atkin 2015 MW Report 95

2012 Vintage

Shiraz SA Challenge – Top 4 Blends
Michelangelo International Wine Awards 2014 Gold
Veritas 2014 Double Gold
Winemakers' Choice Awards 2014 Diamond
TAJ Classic Wine Trophy 2015
Top 100 SA Wine Challenge 2015
WineStyle People's Choice Awards 2014 Gold

2011 Vintage

Decanter World Wine Awards 2014 Gold
Michelangelo International Wine Awards 2013 Platinum
Veritas 2013 Gold
Classic Wine Top 6
Six Nations Wine Challenge
Diamond Winemakers' Choice Awards 2014

2010 Vintage

IWSC 2013 Gold
Top 100 SA Wines 2013
Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2013 Gold
Taj Classic Wine Awards 2013 Trophy
Six Nations Wine Challenge 2013 Double Gold
Five Nations Wine Challenge 2012 Gold
SAWi Awards 2012 Platinum
Winemakers' Choice Awards 2012 & 2013 Diamond
IWSC 2012 Gold

2009 Vintage

Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2012 Gold

2008 Vintage

Decanter World Wine Awards 2011 Gold
Veritas 2011 Double Gold
Winemakers' Choice 2011 Diamond
Michelangelo International Wine Awards 2010 Gold
Veritas 2010 Gold
Top 100 SA Wines 2011

2007 Vintage

Veritas 2010 Double Gold

2006 Vintage

Veritas 2008 Gold
Decanter World Wine Awards 2009 Gold
Juliet Cullinan Wine Connoisseurs' Awards 2008 Gold

2005 Vintage

IWSC 2008 Gold
Michelangelo International Wine Awards 2008 Gold
Swiss International Airline Awards 2008 Best Red Wine & Gold
Veritas 2007 Double Gold
Winemakers' Choice Awards 2007 Trophy Red Wine & Diamond
Michelangelo International Wine Awards 2007 Gold

2004 Vintage

Veritas 2005 Double Gold
Winemakers' Choice Awards 2005 Diamond