

Fairview,
Shiraz 2021
Paarl, Coastal Region, South Africa



Grape Varieties	100% Shiraz
Winemaker	Anthony de Jager
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	14%
Residual Sugar	2g/L
Acidity	5.7g/L
Wine pH	3.53
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Practising Organic, Vegan

PRODUCER

Fairview is situated on the lower slopes of Mount Paarl, which is more sheltered from the moderating maritime influence than nearby Stellenbosch. Vines were planted here as early as 1699. The property was bought by the grandfather of current owner Charles Back in 1937. Fairview has a reputation for consistent quality across a range of innovative styles, using both classic and unusual varieties, and leads the field in South Africa in matching varieties to specific sites. The Fairview estate now has a total of 680 hectares of vineyard over four appellations: Paarl (350 hectares), Swartland (155 hectares), Darling (140 hectares) and Stellenbosch (35 hectares). This vineyard ownership in so many different regions allows Charles to produce a wide range of wines, from grapes grown in optimal conditions. In 2014, Charles received a lifetime achievement award from the International Wine Challenge.

VINEYARDS

The grapes for this Shiraz are sourced from a selection of vineyards. The majority are harvested from the Fairview estate on the south-western slopes of Paarl Mountain on decomposed granite soils. Other components of the blend are from cooler, Atlantic vineyards in Darling, which add a fresh component to the blend.

VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage saw a cool summer with no heatwaves, and therefore later ripening. Grapes were picked between 7 to 10 days later, which allowed time for an excellent development of flavours in the bunches.

VINIFICATION

Once at the winery, the bunches were destemmed and lightly crushed before fermentation. The grapes were fermented on the skins for 10 days and then pressed. Malolactic fermentation was completed in oak barrels with a small portion in tank. The wine was then racked and aged in barrel for 20 months, a combination of French and American oak, 20% of which was new. Finally, the components were selected, blended and bottled.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is an intense red colour, with aromas of blackcurrant, rosemary and savoury spices on the nose. It is medium-bodied with well-structured tannins and flavours of spiced plums on the finish.