



# THE FOUNDRY

## Syrah 2008

### **Viticulture:**

The grapes were sourced from a single vineyard of Syrah situated only 3 km from False Bay on the chilly Atlantic Ocean. The vineyards are planted on low vigour, well drained, granitic origin soils. The vines are managed to retain a healthy balance between grape production and growth and the crop was reduced to 5 tons per hectare.

The mature vines are naturally low yielding and all damaged or unripe grapes were removed before harvest. The fruit was uniformly ripe and was picked on the basis of analysis, taste and vine physiology.

### **Vinification:**

The grapes were totally de-stemmed and partially crushed directly into custom- made 5 ton stainless steel fermenters. Approximately 10% of the berries remained whole. The first half of fermentation was allowed to proceed naturally, while the second part was completed by a neutral Rhone yeast.

The cap was manually punched down twice a day at the beginning of fermentation and then pumped over for the remaining 2 days.

At the end of fermentation the wine was pressed and the wine run directly to barrels. The press wine was kept separate.

The wine underwent natural malolactic fermentation in oak. 300 l "hogsheads" were used and 14% of the barrels were new, the remainder were second fill. All the barrels were tight grained French Allier Oak.

The wine received one racking during the first year of elevage. The best barrels were selected bottled after 16 months in oak, with no filtration and consequently might throw a harmless deposit in the bottle.

### **Tasting Notes:**

The Foundry Syrah 2008 is deep, opaque bright purple-ruby in colour. The enticingly perfumed bouquet is exotic with hints of wild herbs, violets, plum fruit and has a pronounced savoury and spicy character. The palate is intense and rich with generous ripe fruit and structured, silky tannins. There is a delicious, lingering, fruit and spice aftertaste.

Alcohol by vol.	14.1%
Total acid	5.8g/l
Extract	32g/l
pH	3.55
RS	2g/l

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