

EAGLES' NEST SHIRAZ 2011



Eagles' Nest, located on the crest of Constantia Nek pass, is nestled at the foot of the awe inspiring Table Mountain. This pristine and boutique family owned vineyard (38 Ha in size) has in recent years gained a striking reputation for both its beauty and award winning wines.

Uniquely characteristic of its wines is its signature of finesse, derived from the cooler climate conditions its vines are exposed to as a result of its elevation and close proximity to the oceanic body that is False Bay, thus delivering very distinctive wines not found elsewhere in South Africa.

Quality and consistency is paramount at Eagles' Nest. Our unique terroir, combined with meticulous attention to detail in the vineyards and cellar, yields wines that are the epitome of elegance and balance.

Variety: 100% Shiraz
Bottling date: December 2012
Hectares: 4,32 ha

Analysis:
Alcohol 14.5 vol % | **Sugar** 2.0 g/l | **TA** 5.5 g/l | **pH** 3.55 | **TSO₂** 47 mg/l | **FSO₂** 17 mg/l

The vineyard aspects range from east to north, and are perfectly positioned for a cool climate Shiraz. All grapes were hand picked, de-stalked and crushed into medium sized open top fermenters. Punch-downs or pump-overs were performed three to four times per day. This ensured that at all times the fermenting must evolved to embody the desired style. Fermentation took 12 days to complete, after which the free run wine was drawn off and the skins were pressed. The wine was then racked into French oak barrels. After 16 months in barrel, selected components of the wine were blended to create a complex and harmonious finished product.

This vintage shows a deep purple colour that is both fresh and lively. On the nose, dense aromas of cherry and ripe berry fruit with crushed red pepper kernel tempt the senses. A creamy mouth filling tannin, with hints of toasted coconut and wisps of pepper spice embrace your taste buds and are deliciously dry. Dark berry fruits and warm baking spice enrich the flavour experience one soon realizes that this is a wine of complexity and layering. A truly great wine from mature vineyards, this wine will age gracefully for 15 years from vintage.

Eagles' Nest Shiraz 2011: Veritas Double Gold (2014) | Wine Advocate: 92 Points | 4.5 Stars, 2015 Platter Wine Guide (5 Star Nominee) | Decanter Magazine Panel Tasting: SA Shiraz, Dec 2014: Outstanding: 18.75 points | Shiraz Association South Africa: Top 20 (2014) | South African Wine Index Platinum Award and Top Shiraz (2014) | Classic FM Magazine Shiraz Tasting: Top 6

Eagles' Nest Shiraz 2010: 5 Stars, 2014 Platter Wine Guide | Wine Advocate: 93 Points | Veritas Double Gold (2013) | South African Wine Index Platinum Award and Top Shiraz (2013) | Winemakers Choice Awards: Diamond (2013) | Shiraz Association South Africa: Top 20 (2013) | Tim Atkin SA Report 2014: 94 Points

Eagles' Nest Shiraz 2009: Shiraz Trophy Winner, 5 Nations Wine Challenge 2011 | Wine Advocate: 91 Points | South African Wine Index Platinum Award for 100 Point Wine 2011 | South African Airways: Gold Medal (2012) | 4.5* 2013 John Platter Wine Guide (5 Star Nominee)

Eagles' Nest Shiraz 2008: Wine Advocate: 91 Points | Decanter Expert's Choice: South African Wines over £10 Score 19/20 points | Best Shiraz Trophy and Best Red Wine Trophy Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show 2010 | WINE Magazine Top Ten, 2010 Shiraz Challenge | Red Wine Trophy & Red Winemaker of the Year, Winemakers Choice Awards 2010 | 5-Stars, 2011 Platter Wine Guide | 100-Points, SA Wine Index

Eagles' Nest Shiraz 2007: Trophy Best Shiraz International Wine and Spirit Competition 2009 | Shiraz Diamond Award, Best Red Wine Trophy and Best Red, Winemaker Trophy: Winemakers Choice Awards 2009 | Gold Medal Veritas 2009

Eagles Nest Shiraz 2006: Gold Medal, Swiss International Airlines Wine Awards (2008) | Silver Medal and "Best in Class", International Wine and Spirits Competition (2008) | Five Stars Platter's 2009 | Best Red Overall, Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show (2008) | Diamond Award, Winemakers Choice Awards (2008) | Gold Medal Veritas

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