

gravel hill

GRAVEL HILL SHIRAZ 2007

This wine is certainly about a sense of place.

The Gravel Hill terroir consistently provides a Shiraz that is unique in character, quality and expression.

AWARDS

2008 Vintage	Gold Medal Syrah Du Monde 2013 4 ½ stars Platter's SA Wine Guide 94 points Tim Atkins MW
2007 Vintage	4 ½ stars Platter's SA Wine Guide
2006 Vintage	91 points Robert Parker, 92 points Wine Spectator 5 stars Vic Harrington (Canada), 94 points Wine Pioneers (USA), 4 ½ stars Platter's SA Wine Guide
2005 Vintage	92 points Wine Spectator, 4 ½ stars Platter's SA Wine Guide
2004 Vintage -	93 points Wine Spectator, 4 ½ stars Platter's SA Wine Guide
2003 Vintage -	92 points Wine Spectator

Since Carl's first vintage at Hartenberg in 1993 he realized the distinct difference in the character and quality of a parcel of Shiraz vineyard at the lower end of the Estate. These vines produce very few bunches per vine of quality grapes with extraordinary characteristics.

All these elements make for a unique red wine.

FOOD MATCHING

fillet of kudu with a red wine jus, rare roast sirloin, wild mushroom risotto

TASTING NOTE

Dark-centered, black-red and ruby rim. Elegant, black fruit with violets, cloves, smokiness and black pepper on the bouquet. The palate shows sweet ripe fruit, spicy oak, elegance and rich, dry tannins made for the long haul. The palate ends with a lingering, savory finish—all iron fist in velvet glove.

INDEPENDENT TASTING NOTE

“Ripe and dense, but nicely refined, with stylish Kona coffee and mulled currant and loganberry fruit notes laced with melted licorice snap and spice. Liberally toasted, but integrated on the long, smoldering finish.”
James Molesworth

TECHNICAL & PRODUCTION

Soil	concentrated red (ferrous) gravel stone known as koffee-klip
Barrel Ageing	26 months in 100 % new French Allier Oak (225 li)
Alcohol	14.8 % by volume
Residual Sugar	2.3 g/l
Total Acid	6.1 g/l
pH	3.52

