



2018 KASTEELBERG SHIRAZ

Riebeek Cellars

South Africa - Western Cape - Coastal Region – Swartland

ABOUT RIEBEEK CELLARS

Kasteelberg wines are produced by Riebeek Cellars, located in the picturesque Riebeek Valley, in the heart of the Swartland wine region of South Africa. Established in 1941 by a group of nine local farmers, they are guided by Dutch & French traditions dating back 350 years.

The Kasteelberg range of wines celebrates the discovery of the Riebeek Valley and the Kasteelberg mountains in 1661. Kasteelberg stands sentinel over the fertile valley below. From the slopes of the mountains, hand-selected grapes are expertly crafted with care to produce rare and expressive wines.

ABOUT THE WINE

The Swartland terroir is home to rich, nuanced, silky Shiraz, and the Kasteelberg Shiraz is no exception. Rich black fruit, liquorice and hints of spice charms the nose. The palate follows through with black currents and complex baking spice. Full-bodied and rich, the velvety tannin structure offers a long, well-integrated finish.

RATINGS

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Vintage	2018
Appellation	W.O. Swartland
Varietal(s)	100% Shiraz
Vinification	Grapes are hand-sorted and crushed into an open fermenter with up to 30% whole bunch fermentation. Cold maceration lasts for 2 – 3 days for color and soft, supple tannin extraction. Wild yeast fermentation lasts 7 – 8 days while being closely temperature controlled to stay below 25 - 26 °C with regular hand punch-downs. After fermentation, the wine is left on the skins for 7 – 8 days, for further tannin development followed by malolactic fermentation also on the skins. Using a traditional basket press, the wine is pressed into 300L new French oak barrels. After 16 months of maturation in the barrels, the wine is racked, filtered and bottled. After bottling the wine is further bottle-matured for at least 6 months before release.
Food Pairings	Barbequed lamb, fillet medallions and game. Lovely with Springbok stuffed with bacon, garlic and rosemary and a great match to a cheese and preserve platter.
Size	6/750ml
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