

# Kershaw Syrah GPS Series Klein River

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South Africa - Western Cape

Restrained, yet with intent and subtle power, this vineyard exhibits high levels of rotundone producing piercing black pepper, powdery tannins complete with rich textures and a prodigious breadth of black-orientated fruit. The wine is deep magenta red, the nose evokes garrigue elements: wild lavender, citrus, and crushed black peppercorns. Enchantingly supple and sinuous palate with succulent, mouth-watering acidity the wine is already integrated with a delicate balance of bitter chocolate, powdery tannins, and juicy fruit: cinnamon, black raspberry, Chinese 5 spice, orange peel and hung game. Excellent long-lasting finish.

## Specifications

<b>Wine Type</b>	Red
<b>Varietals</b>	100% Syrah
<b>Age of Vines</b>	Average 20 years
<b>Soil type</b>	shale-derived Glenrosa soil
<b>Vinification</b>	Grapes were handpicked under autumnal skies into small lug baskets and then manually sorted on a conveyor before the stems were removed. The destemmed berries fell onto a vibrating table in order to remove jacks and substandard berries before dropping uncrushed into a small 500kg conical hopper and being forklifted into open-topped fermenters. The grapes underwent a 3-day maceration before spontaneous fermentation began. A gentle pigeage program was charted and the grapes remained on skins for 20 days. The wine was then racked to barrel under gravity and the remaining pomace basket-pressed. Malolactic then proceeded in barrel followed by a light sulphuring and 16-month maturation. No finings were necessary. Bottled unfiltered.
<b>Production</b>	264 (9-liter cases)

