



ORG DE RAC RESERVE SHIRAZ

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Org de Rac is an award-winning, organically-certified estate located near Picketberg in the region of Swartland, today the source of many of the country's most exciting wines. Org de Rac was established in 2001 as one of the first fully organic producers of South Africa and in 2005, the first wines were produced from vineyards on south facing slopes.

The wines are crafted by talented veteran winemaker Frank Meaker who has just overseen the shift towards completely vegan production methods. A wide range of wines are made, all with the common thread of great value and varietal definition.

The south-facing vineyards are planted in east to west allowing the prevailing cool westerly breezes off the Atlantic Ocean to clear the vines of any potential diseases. This has a noticeable cooling effect, creating a diurnal variation which stimulates colour in the grapes and slower, more even ripening, resulting in better fruit retention, balance and complexity in the finished wines. A range of cover crops are grown and biodiversity is encouraged amongst the vines. Only natural, organically certified treatments are used.

Frequent pump-overs were carried out during alcoholic fermentation to ensure good colour and tannin extraction across a 6-week maceration period in total. 70% of the wine was matured in new oak (80% French and 20% American). The remainder was aged in 2nd fill barrels for period of 14 months.

Grape: 100% Shiraz.

Tasting Note: Aromas of blackberry and damson with notes of pepper and charcuterie leap out of the glass. Further complexity comes from well handled oak spice that adds a silky texture to the refined medium-full bodied mouthfeel. Tannins are fine and long. An expressive Shiraz with layers of flavour.

Sugar Level: 3.3g/l

Food Match: Ideal with grilled chops and ribeye or pasta with an oxtail ragout.

Farming Practices: Organic - Vegan - Contains Sulfites.

Vintage: 2016

Awards: «««« 4 Stars, Platter Awards

Closure: Cork

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