

# stoneDALE

## Shiraz 2012

### VITICULTURE

Rietvallei Estate mostly comprise of calcareous (red clay & lime mix) soil. The Shiraz vineyards are trellised and under irrigation and was established in 2005.

### WINEMAKING

The grapes are picked at optimum ripeness at approximately 25 °Balling (Brix). After destemming and slight crushing the mash is taken to stainless steel tanks for fermentation on the skins. Cold soaking is done for 2 days or until the fermentation starts naturally when after cultivated wine yeast is immediately inoculated. During fermentation the temperature is controlled between 25-28 °Celsius and the cap wetted every 2-3 hours by means of pump-overs and a process called "delastage" twice a day. This allows the colour and flavour to be extracted very effectively from the skins. The must normally takes 5 days to ferment dry. Another day is then allowed for additional skin contact before racking and pressing. French oak is then introduced to the wine in the form of staves in stainless steel tanks for malolactic fermentation and maturation for at least 6 months.

### THE WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

A wine with attractive mocha and berry fruit on the nose, revealing that same berry fruit and mocha on the pallet, infused with chocolate and a hint of spiciness. A smooth and well-balanced wine with soft, juicy tannins, ending with a lingering aftertaste.

### FOOD PAIRING & SERVING SUGGESTION

Ideal match for red meats, pizza's and pastas.

Ideal for outdoor picnics and no need for a corkscrew, it's screw-cap!

Serve at room temperature (18°C) or slightly chilled.

### WINE ANALYSIS

Residual Sugar:	3.9 g/l	Alcohol:	13.42 %	Acidity:	6.1 g/l
PH:	3.52	VA:	0.46 g/l	Total Extract:	31.9 g/l
Total SO <sup>2</sup> :	94 mg/l	Free SO <sup>2</sup> :	41 mg/l		

### PACKAGING DETAILS

Bottle volume: 750ml

Case size: 6 x 750ml

Pallet size: 120 x 6 x 750ml

Case weight: 7.42 kg Closure: Stelvin (Screw-cap)

EAN 750ml Bottle Barcode: 6009673830031

UPC 750ml Bottle Barcode (USA only): 89673300049 - 9

EAN 6x750ml Case Barcode: 6009673830048

UPC 6x750ml Case Barcode (USA only): 89673300051 - 2

