

EXCELSIOR Shiraz 2008



Varietal Blend	85% Shiraz, 15% Petit Verdot
Appellation	Robertson
Alcohol Content	14.5%
TA	5.5 g/l
pH	3.6
RS	2.6 g/l

Accolades 2007, 2006: Wine Enthusiast "Best Buy"



VINEYARDS:

Excelsior's vineyards are characterized by calcareous clay soils. These limestone-rich soils are well drained, which allows the vines to stress, resulting in small, concentrated berries.

VINTAGE:

The 2008 vintage was cool and wet, leading to vigorous growth in the vineyards and larger berries than usual. Careful vineyard management was critical to success, and crop thinning and leaf plucking were employed to encourage ripeness and concentration.

VINIFICATION AND MATURATION:

The wine was fermented in stainless steel tanks for 7 days, with pumpovers of 1 hour performed twice daily. 25% of the wine was aged in a combination of French and American oak for 6 months.

TASTING NOTES:

This ripe, jammy Shiraz is bursting with juicy flavors of blackberry, cherry, licorice, and plum, with hints of dark chocolate and Asian spice and subtle earthy undertones. A tasty, crowd-pleasing red, it consistently garners "Best Buy" accolades.