



RIDGEBACK

SOUTH AFRICA



“THE RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK ORIGINATES FROM SOUTHERN AFRICA, WHERE LEGENDS AND STORIES OF THEIR EXPLOITS AND BRAVERY IN THE BUSHVELD ABOUND. THEIR TENACITY AND RUGGEDNESS ARE SYMBOLIC OF THE PIONEERING SPIRIT OF AFRICA.”

IPW

BEE

The indigenous Rhodesian Ridgeback dog is the estate’s namesake. The characteristics of the Ridgeback such as its pedigree, character and stature are reflected in Ridgebacks wines. This legendary animal also reflects the owners South African and Zimbabwean heritage.

Originally a fruit farm, Ridgeback’s orchards were gradually replaced with vineyards over a 4 year period. The first vintage was produced in 2001, which was to be followed by 10 more years of accomplished winemaking.

The farm’s terroir is best suited to red grape varieties. This is evident in Ridgeback’s premium Shiraz and Merlot wines, which have received numerous local and international awards and ratings. However in recent years they have been cultivating white grapes to produce varieties such as Sauvignon Blanc and Viognier.

Great care has been taken to ensure the vineyards are of the highest calibre. All vines are secured on high trestles and much time is spent ensuring that the soils have the optimum mineral and moisture content. The feeling at Ridgeback is that a large part of making great wines occurs in the vineyards - before the grapes even enter the cellar. The fruits of this labour have been very successful as is evident in our awards:

VINPRO & WINETECH:
Winner Block competition for Shiraz - block 14 - 2003

VINPRO & WINETECH:
Winner Block competition for Shiraz - block 20 - 2008

VINPRO & WINETECH:
Winner Block competitions for Cabernet Franc 2007 - Block 12 – 2010

There are two ranges produced on the farm. Vansha, which focusses on creating quality white and red wines produced in a more accessible style. And Ridgeback - the premium label that places emphasis on producing top class wines, both single varietal wines and blends.

Ridgeback has also proved itself on a global level, excelling in international competitions like winning Gold on the Concours Mondial Bruxelles Award 2010 for the 2007 Ridgeback Shiraz.

Ridgeback enjoys an IPW and BEE accreditation.

Owner: Vernon Cole
Location: Paarl
Size: 35 hectares under vine
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