

# RICKETY BRIDGE

## WINERY

## RICKETY BRIDGE SHIRAZ 2015

## PRODUCT INFORMATION

Full name Rickety Bridge Shiraz

Vintage 2015

Varietal 100% Shiraz Origin Western Cape

## PACKAGING INFORMATION

Bottle barcode 6007738000771 Case barcode 26007738000775

Unit size 750 ml Bottles per case 6

Pallet information 48cs x 6 x 4

## **TECHNICAL ANALYSIS**

Alc. 14.5% | RS 2.9 g/l | TA 5.9 g/l | pH 3.65

#### HARVEST

Grapes selected from Franschhoek, Walker Bay, Wellington and Breederivier Valley vineyards. Well-manicured and settled vines yielding 6-7 tonnes/ha. The Franschhoek grapes are planted in Hutton soils which consist of decomposed granite and shale soils with a north-easterly facing slope and a combination of clones 9 and 22B. The Walker Bay block borders on the Atlantic ocean while the Wellington vineyards consists of clone 216 on US 8-7 rootstock in easterly facing Glenrosa soils. The westerly facing slopes of the Breederivier Valley are planted with clone SH99 on Mgt 101-14 rootstock in Glenrosa soils originating from shale. Grapes where harvested by hand between 24 - 25.5° Balling with good harvesting conditions throughout. Harvesting of the four respective vineyards took place between 12 February and 6 April 2014.

## WINE MAKING

Fermentation took place in open fermentation tanks at 28°C with two to four manual punch downs daily with 80% of the grapes left as whole bunches. Some tanks were inoculated with noble yeasts such as D254 and WE372 while most underwent natural fermentation. While fermentation was still taking place, the grapes were pressed gently up to 1.3 Bar pressure. The end of the fermentation and malolactic fermentation took place in small French oak barrels. The wine was matured in 20% new and 80% older barrels for a total maturation time of 22 months before blending for bottling.

## WINEMAKER'S NOTE

Opulent dark forest fruit with aromatic notes of spice, white pepper and dark chocolate. The palate is textured and layered, showing elegance and refined structure. Fresh, juicy and balanced acidity, subtle oak with hints of clove and mulberry lingers on the finish.

## CELLARING SERVING TEMPERATURE

Cellar for up to 8 years 14 - 17°C

## FOOD SUGGESTIONS

Game, ostrich, spare ribs, steak, roast beef, spicy lamb dishes.

## ACCOLADES

Rickety Bridge Shiraz 2015 - Decanter Wolrd Wine Awards 2018, 92-Points

Rickety Bridge Shiraz 2014 - Top 100 SA Wines Double Gold Winner 2017

Rickety Bridge Shiraz 2013 - Top 12 Shiraz SA Challenge Winner . Top 100 SA Wines 2016

Rickety Bridge Shiraz 2011 - Top 100 SA Wines . Top 12 Shiraz SA Challenge Winner . 91 Points - Tim Atkin MW Report 2014

Rickety Bridge Shiraz 2010 - 92 points tasted Wine Journal 2012

Rickety Bridge Shiraz 2009 - Double Gold Veritas Award 2011 . Gold Michelangelo Award 2011 . Nederburg Auction 2015

