



# Aaldering

VINEYARDS & WINES

## AALDERING SHIRAZ 2020



**Estate:** Aaldering Vineyards & Wines  
**Origin:** South Africa  
**Region:** Stellenbosch  
**Variety:** Shiraz (100%)  
**Vintage:** 2020  
**Website:** [www.aaldering.co.za](http://www.aaldering.co.za)

### Tasting Notes

Deep red in colour with a purple rim. Savoury overtones interspersed with dark fruit, leather, black pepper and notes of clove and cinnamon leap from the glass. The oak lends vanilla, mocha, and dark chocolate notes supporting the fruit and spicy overtones. Plums, dark chocolate and a medley of spices follows through on the full bodied palate which is backed with plush tannins that add structure, length and finesse to the finish.

### Vineyard Notes

These Shiraz grapes were locally sourced in the Stellenbosch area and found at a wonderful terroir of Clovelly soils and Hutton clay.

### Winemaking Report

The warmer growth season favoured the production of concentrated fruit flavours in the grapes and wine. The big difference in the day and night temperatures led to good colour formation, ripe tannins, and acid preservation. The must was cold soaked for four days before fermentation. A slow and steady fermentation ensued, and extraction was carefully monitored to ensure that over extraction did not occur. The wine was matured in 225L French Oak barrels [25% new wood / 25% second fill and 50% third - fourth fill] for a period of 18 months. A small percentage of American Oak was used to add complexity and depth to the wine.

### Aging Potential and Food Matches

Enjoy this wine over the next 10 to 15 years with venison, or a lamb curry. Bottled with a natural cork closure, in order to ensure a unique aging capacity. Ideal serving temperature between 16- 18°C/61-64°F.

### Technical Analysis

ALC: 14.2%    RS: 3.7 g/l    TA: 5.3 g/l    pH: 3.62