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**FAIRVIEW****CYRIL BACK SHIRAZ 2015****LIMITED RELEASE**

Consistently sold out before its even managed to hit most shelves, Cyril Back, named after Charles's beloved father, is Fairview's flagship wine. Much like Cyril, this wine is smart, bold and knows no boundaries, with the central goal of bringing together our best vineyard sites and cutting edge winemaking to produce an outstanding red wine that is crafted to age for decades.


 Charles Back
**IN THE VINEYARD:**

As always, the fruit for the Cyril Back 2015 were from a selection of our best sites. The Shiraz was all from dryland vineyards which included bushvine Swartland vineyards, and the majority of the blend selected from our cooler Darling vineyards. The Cabernet Sauvignon is from our dryland Darling vineyards. The vineyards are regularly visited during the ripening period and tested by tasting, visual and analytical examination to determine the ideal picking date.

**HARVEST DATE:**

Harvested by hand on 11th and 26th of February (Shiraz) and 2nd of March 2015 (Cabernet Sauvignon)

**WINEMAKING:**

All the fruit was handpicked at 24.5 degrees balling. The bunches were destalked and berry selection carefully carried out over sorting tables. The grapes from the different vineyard sites were fermented as separate batches in open oak fermenters (*foudres*), with fermentation allowed to start naturally. Manual punch downs (*pigeage*) done twice a day. The Darling Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon had a few days of extended skin contact after fermentation. The skins were gently basket pressed and the wine was sent to French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation. Once completed, the wine was racked and returned to 80% new French oak barrels for a total of 29 months maturation. The Cyril Back 2015 was blended and bottled on 27<sup>th</sup> of July, unfiltered, with a very light filtration. Only 6 barrels were produced in this vintage.

**WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS:**

"Cyril Back is a selection of the best barrels from the vintage. The 2015 vintage is made from a rigorous selection of our best Shiraz and we chose to include one barrel of Cabernet Sauvignon. I believe that the Cabernet Sauvignon will add to the age-ability and structure to the wine, only time will tell!" -Anthony de Jager-

**TASTING NOTE:**

Intense dark garnet colour with black currant, plum, anise and nutmeg on the nose. This elegant red brims with red fruit and lingering spice flavours. The wine is robust and well structured with age worthy tannins. Aging potential 7 to 10 year in bottle.

**RECOGNITION (PREVIOUS VINTAGES)**

- 2013:** NWC/Top 100 South African Wine Awards 2016
- 2010:** 91 points - Tim Atkins SA Report Publication 2014
- 2007:** Gold – Decanter World Wine Awards 2010
- 2006:** 91 points – Wine Spectator
- 2006:** Gold – Decanter World Wine Awards 2009
- 2005:** 91 points – Wine Spectator
- 2005:** Silver – International Wine Challenge 2007

<b>Wine of Origin</b>	Coastal Region
<b>Alcohol</b>	15.0%
<b>Residual sugar</b>	3.9 g/l
<b>Total acid</b>	5.8 g/l
<b>pH</b>	3.53
<b>Varieties</b>	
Shiraz	91%
Cabernet Sauvignon	9%
<b>Closure</b>	Natural Cork