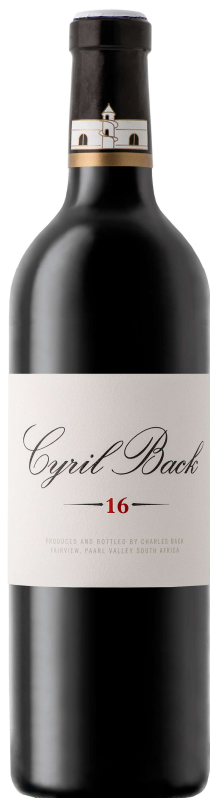




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FAIRVIEW**CYRIL BACK SHIRAZ 2016****LIMITED RELEASE**

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 to bring 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 2016 were from a selection of our best sites. The Shiraz was from dryland vineyards which included bushvine Swartland vineyard. The Cabernet Sauvignon is from our Stellenbosch 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 5th of February (Swartland Shiraz) and 10th of March 2016 (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 27th of July, unfinned, 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 2016 vintage is made from a rigorous selection of our best Shiraz and we chose to include one barrel of Cabernet Sauvignon for a second time. 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 rich notes of black berries, plum, pepper with hints of violet and cigarbox on the nose. This elegant red brims with dense red fruit, fresh acidity and lingering spice flavours. The wine is robust and well structured with age worthy tannin. 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

Wine of Origin	Coastal Region
Alcohol	13.6%
Residual sugar	4.3 g/l
Total acid	5.8 g/l
pH	3.57
Varieties	SHIRAZ CABERNET SAUVIGNON
Closure	Natural Cork