



Stark-Condé

THREE PINES Jonkershoek Syrah 2010

Varietal:	100% Syrah
Clone:	Sh21A
Rootstock:	Richter 110, 99
Fruit source:	from our own Oude Nektar vineyards in Jonkershoek
Yield:	5.5 tons/hectare
Total production:	2592 bottles
°B at harvest:	24-25°
Alcohol:	14.51% by volume
Total Acid:	6.2
Residual sugar:	2.8
Total extract:	31.1 g/l
Age of vines:	20 years at harvest
Trellis:	5-wire vsp
Irrigation:	supplemental drip irrigation
Vineyard elevation:	300-310m
Slope:	South Westerly

Details of vinification and oaking:

This is a single-vineyard wine from our highest elevation syrah vineyard, a small block contiguous to our single-vineyard cabernet. The grapes for this wine were hand-harvested in late-February. After being cooled overnight to 14 degrees C., they were carefully hand-sorted and crushed into small open fermentation vats and allowed to cold-soak for several days. A small portion was left whole bunch and also uncrushed. About 50% of the blend was natural fermentation and the balance was split between a domestic yeast and an imported Rhône yeast. Regular, vigorous punchdowns were given every 4 hours for the first half of fermentation, then every 6-8 hours thereafter. At dryness (average 8-9 days), the wine was basket pressed and racked directly to barrel for malo-lactic fermentation and subsequent barrel maturation. A mix of coopers was used, all French oak, all 300 litre, mostly second-



fill and about 40% new. The wine was bottled unfined and unfiltered after 22 months barrel maturation.

Winemaker's notes:

From a tiny, 350m above sea-level vineyard. An elegant, refined style with exotic spice and aniseed aromas, followed by a mouthful of crushed violets on the palette. Opens up beautifully – proper cellaring should be rewarded.