



# RICKETY BRIDGE

WINERY

## THE SLEEPER SHIRAZ 2017

### PRODUCT INFORMATION

Full name	The Sleeper
Vintage	2017
Varietal	100 % Shiraz
Origin	Franschhoek
Total produced	3,150 bottles

### PACKAGING INFORMATION

Bottle barcode	6009660200298
Case barcode	26007738000133
Unit size	750 ml
Bottles per case	6
Pallet information	28cs x 6 x 4

### TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alc.13.65% | RS 2.1 g/l | TA 6.0 g/l | pH 3.56

### HARVEST

The Sleeper Shiraz is made from the fruit of well – manicured and settled vines. These grapes were harvested by hand in early February into small crates and brought into the cellar carefully one by one.

### WINEMAKING

Fermentation took place in open fermentation tanks using 80% whole bunches. We did four punch downs daily, while the wine underwent fermentation, with the grapes being pressed gently after 14 days. Malolactic fermentation took place in 100% new French 500 litre oak barrels for a total of 22 months before blending and bottling.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTE

Opulent dark fruit is supported by aromatic notes of spice distinctive to Shiraz. The wine is textured, layered and showing elegance and refined structure. Nice savoury and smokey characteristics are evident on the palate. Tremendous fullness, massive supple structure which fills the entire mouth, voluptuous velvety tannins that make the tongue feel gracefully coated. Full bodied yet refined. A long and enchanting finish leaves one wanting more.

### CELLARING

Peak potential 10 years from vintage

### SERVING TEMPERATURE

14°C

### FOOD SUGGESTIONS

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

### PAST ACCOLADES

**The Sleeper 2017** – 4 star rating  
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