

Week of 01-29-08

Red Bag Clues:

How they describe their wine, “Ripe mulberry, blueberry and white pepper on the nose with layers of fruit, rich tannins and oak complexity on the palate.”

Grape?

Malolactic fermented in stainless.

Matured in 80% American and 20% French Oak for 13 months.

A grape by many names, too many to list here.

Named for a city with an 8 km rose garden called the “City of Roses and Poets”.

This grape is believed to have traveled to France from this region that has been making wine for over 7000 years.

Who’s language, Farsi, has remained in use since.

Growing Region?

This country has been the site of much turmoil; segregation, discovery of great wealth, wars, and the first multi-racial election in 1994.

Natural Resources: **gold**, chromium, antimony, coal, iron ore, manganese, nickel, phosphates, tin, uranium, gem **diamonds**, platinum, copper, vanadium, salt, natural gas.

Originally used on the Spice Route as a stop-over.

Called *Cabo das Tormentas* in the original report on the discovery of this route, but renamed to *Cabo da Boa Esperança* as it sounded more promising.

This country speaks nine officially recognized languages.

This is the only country in the world to have three capitals.

This country’s oldest wine growing region.

This particular bottling is from four different vineyards, two inland and two ocean influenced plots.

Soils vary from red hutton soils, deep granite gravels and Table mountain sandstone layered soils.

Producer?

The entrepreneur of this venture started a home renovation business called Kangra, the name of this wineries holding company.

He even tried his hand in the coal mining business.

The winery was established in 1983.

Year?

Most of the country experienced less than normal rainfall this year. However, the west coast region received a great deal over average.

Answer – Graham Beck Shiraz 2003 Coastal, South Africa



http://www.grahambeckwines.com/img/download/Shiraz_2003.pdf