

## Ronnie Melck Shiraz Stellenbosch - Muratie

**MURATIE**  
stellenbosch

### The Producer:

Muratie, a family owned estate, was established in the 17th century by European colonialists, although as a name Muratie was not used until the early 1900s. The estate is in the shadow of the Simonsberg mountain north of Stellenbosch, east of Cape Town and consists of 44ha of vineyards. As a direct descendant of Martin Melck (who owned Muratie from 1763 to 1781), Ronnie Melck fulfilled a lifelong dream when he bought this gracious old wine farm in 1987, welcoming it back into the Melck fold. He lived for Muratie and is the only owner whose remains rest here, under the trees on the highest part of the farm.

### The Wine:

**Grape:** Shiraz 100%  
**Area:** The grapes are from several estate vineyards to the north of Stellenbosch Harvest: Hand harvested  
**Vinification:** The grapes are gently crushed and destalked. The wine is made in traditional open fermenters which enable plunging and pump overs to be done with ease.  
**Ageing:** The wine is matured for 16 months in 100% French oak barrels, of which 20% is new.

### Tasting Notes:

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**Code:** 7209  
**ABV:** 14%  
**Pack:** 6\*75cl  
**Vegan:** Yes  
**Vegetarian:** Yes  
**Closure:** Natural Cork

