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GRANITE SYRAH **2014 14%**
WINE OF ORIGIN SWARTLAND – WINE OF SOUTH AFRICA

Visual Analysis:

Colour

purple red	
ruby	✓
garnet	
orange red	

Reflections

violet	✓
purple red	
ruby	
garnet	
orange red	
carmine red	

Structure

good	✓
strong	
great	



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Olfactory Analysis: blueberry, blackberry, cherry, plum, prune, walnut, carob, wild flowers, narcissus, mugwort, grass, mushroom, truffle, rosemary, tobacco and wood

Gustative Analysis:

Alcoholic dryness

light warm (10% - 11%)	
medium warm (11% - 13,5%)	
warm (13,5% - 15%)	✓
alcoholic (15% - 20%)	

Salivation

scarcely fresh (little salivation)	✓
quite fresh (some salivation)	
fresh (abundant salivation)	
acidulous(abundant salivation/sense of tartness)	

Bitterness

scarcely bitter (grape)	✓
quite bitter (grape & barriques)	
bitter (grape & barriques)	

Astringency

scarcely tannic (light astringent sensation)	
quite tannic (perceivable, pleasant astringent sensation)	
tannic (dry and astringent sensation)	✓
astringent (drying and rough sensation)	

Softness

scarcely soft (immature)	
quite soft (young or ready)	
soft (structured and matured)	✓
velvety (high concentration alcohol /glycerine)	

Sweetness

dry (sugar residue 1 to 5 g/l)	
medium dry (sugar residue 10 to 20 g/l)	
medium sweet (20 to 50 g/l)	
sweet (100 to 160 g/l)	

Mineral notes

scarcely taste (weak sensation)	✓
quite tasty (well balanced sensation)	
tasty (light and pleasant salty taste)	

Structure

weak (modest structure)	
full (well balanced structure)	
vigorous (perfectly balanced structure)	✓
heavy (excessive structure)	



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Gustative Aromatic Persistence: 7/8 seconds

Aftertaste: cherry flavoured and lightly bitter

WINE-FOOD COMBINATION: Grilled kudu

MY PERSONAL OPINION: a great syrah: very exquisite and pretty balanced; at the olfactory analysis, it offers a huge portfolio of aromas whereas at the gustative exam, it is full-bodied and the whole parameters are well positioned and equilibrated; it can be easily paired with a game recipe in order to combine oenological emotions to gastronomic pleasures