



CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019

The inspiration behind the Reserve range is to create wines that are fuller and more complex in style. The use of oak plays a dominant role in adding complexity. These wines are best enjoyed with food, but good fruit /wood balance means they will also not disappoint on their own.

ORIGIN: Stellenbosch (Helderberg)

VARIETIES: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD: Vines are drip-irrigated to ensure optimal ripening and trained on the 5-wire Perold trellis system. Planted in soils consisting of weathered granite on clay, the vines are situated on south facing slopes. The nearby Atlantic Ocean (False Bay) has an additional cooling effect on the vineyards during the ripening season.

GROWING SEASON AND HARVEST: With the Western Cape coming out of a 3 year drought period it looked promising but many vineyards had not yet recovered in full. In general a cooler growing period with unfavourable weather during flower and set in October and November which led to smaller berries and bunches with unevenness for some cultivars at harvest. Weather was good with start of harvest until March when it turned into cool and wet conditions which necessitated greater input to control disease outbreak. Harvest began mid-January and was completed end March with similar yields to previous year.

VINIFICATION: Grapes were harvested around end-March from two different clones. Berries were crushed and cold-soaked for about 48hrs and then inoculated with selected yeast to bring out the best of the varietal. Fermented in stainless steel tanks with pump-overs (aeration) every 4 hours to extract flavour and colour from must. Fermentation takes about 5 days at temperatures between 24-28°C. The wine was matured in older 300L French Oak barrels for 15 months.

TASTING NOTES: The wine has a deep, dark, ruby red colour with classic blackcurrant, blue berry and cedar nuances on the nose. The palate is filled with plush cassis fruit and dark chocolate-dipped cherry. A full bodied wine with smooth tannin structure that can be enjoyed now but also improve with further bottle maturation.

SERVING: Serve the wine @ 15-18 degrees Celsius, enjoy with charred grilled burgers or pasta in a rich creamy sauce.

ANALYSIS:

Alc: 14.3%
RS: 2.9g/l
TA: 6.25g/l
pH: 3.45

Bottle barcode (750ml) : 6009638240265

Case barcode (6 x 750ml) : 8711709515239



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