

In search of the ultimate expression from nature



Syrah 2021

WINE OF ORIGIN:

Stellenbosch

VITICULTURE:

Cluttered with massive rocks of broken shale and very close to False Bay's restless Atlantic Ocean, the focus was on maintaining fruit-purity and truest reflection of provenance in one of the world's greatest red wine varieties.

VINIFICATION:

The fermentation tank was filled with 25% whole clusters at the bottom and 75% destemmed whole berries on top, to extract the complete spectrum of fruit characters whilst maintaining vibrancy and freshness. A ten-month period of coaxing in old French oak barrels and Italian terracotta amphora eased the tannins, allowing depth of flavour and a commanding presence, while preserving the brightness and life-affirming vigour of an expressive red wine.

WINEMAKER'S NOTE:

Very expressive, archetypal aromatics of violets and blackberries, black olives, white pepper, and spice while the palate is particularly vivid and energetic – lovely pure fruit to go with a great line of acidity and fine tannins.

BOTTLES PRODUCED:

963

ACCOLADES:

Platter's Guide, 41/2* (93 points)

ANALYSIS:

 $Alc - 13.5\% vol \qquad RS - 2.5g/l \qquad TA - 5.9g/l \qquad pH - 3.40$

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