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WINES OF CHARACTER

STELLENBOSCH

'C'- CAPE BLEND 2022

VINIFICATION

Wine maker description

A velvety opulent wine made with the Cape's own grape Pinotage blended with noble varieties. Rich and intriguing aromas and flavours with exploding layers of dark red fruits with notes of ripe plums, red velvet cake and tobacco. Soft tannins, balance and complexity are hallmarks of this uniquely South African. Fantastic with signature steakhouse cuts or Malay curries.

Varieties

Pinotage (40%), Cabernet Sauvignon (38%), Merlot (11%), Cabernet Franc (11%)

Origin

Wine of Origin Stellenbosch

Vinification details

All the different grapes spent 5 days on cold maceration, where after it was fermented in stainless steel tanks at optimal temperatures of between 22-28°C. Here after malo-lactic fermentation took place on wood staves in stainless steel tanks. The wines were then matured separately for 10 months in 45% new 225L French and American oak, before being blended and left to marry for a further 2-4 months.

Date of bottling

4 November 2024

Analysis

pH 3.54 Total acidity 5.7 g/L
Residual sugar 2.5 g/L Alcohol 14%

PROVENANCE

Vineyard – Da Capo, Sir Lowry's Pass, Helderberg

Soils

Granite/Tukulu (decomposed granite)/Table Mnt. Sandstone

Aspect

Cab s – west Pinotage – north west Merlot - south & south west

Area

Cab s – 5.86 Pinotage – 4.5 Merlot – 8 Ha

Trellising

Vertical Shoot Positioning

Irrigation

Drip

Predominant wind

SE Summer/NW Winter

Date of planting

Cab s – 2000 Pinotage – 2001 & 2002 Merlot – 1999

Clones

Cab s – 46C & 1631, 15M, 169AX Pinotage – PI45 & PI48A Merlot – MO343 & MO12, MO181 & MO192, MO3.

Balling at picking

24.5 – 25.9°B

