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VINEYARDS

Cabernet Sauvignon 2017

Tasting Notes

A combination of high-altitude cooler Stellenbosch vineyards and dryland warm climate Paarl vines resulting in a balanced wine with complexity and abundance of fruit. The Stellenbosch fruit adds structure and elegance to the wine while the grapes from Paarl add riper dark fruit and richness. Hints of pencil shavings, blueberries and prunes are all evident on the nose, while the palate boasts of dark fruit with juicy tannins and an elegant finish. Aiming to craft a more traditional style of Cabernet, a small percentage of Cinsault was added contributing vibrant fruit expression and balance to this well-rounded and classic Cabernet Sauvignon.

Wine of Origin

Coastal Region

Grape Source

From a blend of Paarl and Stellenbosch vineyards

Varietal Blend

86% Cabernet Sauvignon
8% Cinsault
6% Shiraz

Production

1955 x 6 x 750ml

Closure

DIAM Cork

Analysis

Alc: 14.0%
RS: 2.1 g/l
TA: 6.2 g/l
pH: 3.47

Vinification Details

The grapes were hand pick in the cool early mornings of March 2017. The small lug boxes of grapes were destemmed, crushed and chilled as quickly as possible. After two days of cold maceration the must was inoculated with specially selected commercial yeast. Fermentation was controlled at 77°F and was completed in 2 weeks. After malolactic fermentation in tank, the wine was moved to 225L and 300L French oak barrels where it underwent a 13 month aging process in an underground cellar. This well-crafted wine will mature gracefully over the next 10 to 15 years.

Vintage Description

2017 was a very dry and short season with hardly any rainfall. This resulted in preserving substantial aromatics in the wines. Thanks to the early season, highly favored unusually cool evenings were much appreciated and resulted in a healthy crop with minimal threat of disease. The lower temperatures also enable soils to retain moisture resulting in concentrated color on the red wines. Due to the persisting drought, the crop was smaller than the long term average but on par with 2016.

Integrated Production of Vine (IPW) certified.

