

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

TERROIR SPECIFIC WINES

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VINTAGE: 2016

AVERAGE TEMP: 17.9°C

RAINFALL: 459.2mm

HARVESTING BEGAN: 03/02/2016

HARVESTING ENDED: 10/03/2016

ORIGIN OF FRUIT: Riebeeksrivier

SOIL TYPE: Shale

CULTIVAR: 91% Shiraz; 9% Grenache

YIELD: 8ton/ha

THE VINEYARD: This wine was produced from grapes from our Riebeeksrivier farm in the Swartland, which is situated on the slopes of the Riebeeek Kasteel Mountains on the Malmesbury side. Our best vineyards for red varietals are found on the Southern and Western slopes of these mountains.

VINTAGE NOTES: With lower rainfall bringing challenging conditions, the total wine grape production was lower than 2015. Even with drier weather conditions, the vineyards were healthy and produced smaller berries with high flavour concentration and good colour. 2016 May not be as upfront as the renowned 2015 vintage, but be sure to give it some time, for the depth and subtle structure indicates a very promising wine.

WINEMAKING: Grapes were handpicked in small lug boxes and transported to the cellar in cool trucks. After hand sorting, all components were handled and fermented separately. Fermentation was done in various vessels, this ensures that the unique characteristics of each block and cultivar are captured and emphasized. The wine was aged in a combination of 4th and 5th fill barrels for 16 to 18 months. The blend and percentages will change with each vintage, seeing that no vintage is ever the same.

TASTING NOTES: Gentle whiffs of violet underpin plum, blueberry and a brush of fynbos.

The palate is initially plush and pillowy with plump berry notes. The intensity ramps up and an earthy and herbal element becomes apparent. Succulent and refreshing with good acidity, it remains restrained and understated with firm, dry tannin from sympathetic wood maturation. Lithe and pliable with a long, spicy tail.

Alc: 14 % | ph: 3.50 | TA: 3.4 g/l | RS: 2.4 g/l

