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IL PRINCIPE 2022

INTRODUCING A WINE INSPIRED BY THE OPULANCE OF ITALIAN WINEMAKING, PERFECTED IN THE SINGULAR TERROIR OF THE PAARL WINELANDS. TIME, PATIENCE AND PRECISION IN THE JOURNEY FROM GRAPE TO BOTTLE HAVE ADDED LAYERS OF INTEREST TO THIS PRINCELY BLEND.



Alcohol
13.39%

pH 3.61

TA 5.37 g/l

RS 3.2 g/l

IN THE VINEYARD

This wine is part of our premium range and precision viticulture is necessary to produce this standard of quality. 2022 is the first year we harvested Sangiovese for red wine production. The site on which it grows is slightly sandier than other blocks meaning we need to keep a close eye on the vineyards for signs of stress (as there is less water retention in these soils). Careful crop selection is applied throughout the growing season to ensure the vines are in an optimal state of balance. The soil of the Cabernet Sauvignon block has scattered deposits of quartz and ferricrete (locally known as koffiekliip) and grows on shallow sandy topsoils with clay subsoils. As a result we get great concentration in the fruit. The Cabernet Sauvignon follows a meticulous viticultural management programme which includes dropping any grapes bunches that are underripe, and cutting out any green berries within bunches. Typically these blocks yield between 6-8 tons/ha

IN THE CELLAR

All bunches follow our standard processing protocol of double sorting by hand: first whole-bunch sorting, followed by de-stemming, then berry sorting. The grapes were then gently crushed, just to perforate the skin and release some juice. The grapes were cold soaked in the stainless-steel tank for 5 days to extract colour and flavour before undergoing alcoholic fermentation. During the fermentation period, pump-overs are done 2-3 times a day depending on the progress of fermentation. This ensures a healthy fermentation, as well as aids in extraction of flavour and colour. Once alcoholic fermentation is complete, the wine is drained and the remaining solids are pressed – these fractions are transferred into French oak barrels, but kept separately.

IN THE BOTTLE

Nose: Red cherries, sour plum, sun-dried tomato, oregano

Palate: Soft and delicate on the palate with a contrasting intensity of concentration. The wine leads with vibrant red fruit and finishes with a refined tannin structure. The finish is long and continues to develop.

Body: Medium - medium plus
Suggested ageing: 8-10+ years

BLEND

82% SANGIOVESE,
18% CABERNET SAUVIGNON