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INTRODUCING A WINE INSPIRED BY THE OPULENCE OF ITALIAN WINEMAKING, PERFECTED IN THE SINGULAR TERROIR OF THE PAARL WINELANDS. TIME, PATIENCE AND PRECISION FROM GRAPE TO BOTTLE CREATE A COMPLEX, REGAL BLEND.



Alcohol
13.36%

pH 3.59

TA 5.81 g/l

RS 3.10 g/l

IN THE VINEYARD

This wine is part of our premium range and precision viticulture is necessary to produce this standard of quality. Our Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Cabernet franc blocks consist of quartz and ferricrete (locally known as koffiekliip) deposits, growing on sandy topsoils with clay subsoils. As a result, we get great concentration in the fruit. The Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Cabernet franc follow a meticulous viticultural management programme, which includes dropping any grape bunches that are underripe and cutting out any green berries within bunches. Typically these blocks yield between 6-8 tons/ha. 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.

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. Once alcoholic fermentation is complete, the wine is drained and the remaining solids are pressed - these fractions are transferred into French oak barrels and matured for 22 months separately. This wine was bottled in December 2023.

IN THE BOTTLE

Nose: Black plum, graphite, red and black currants, mulberry

Palate: An intensely concentrated wine bursting with red and black fruit in its introduction. Prominent plum and cherry notes with seamless oak integration, giving subtle notes of cedar and cigar box. The tannins are well-structured yet silky.

Body: Medium plus - full

Suggested ageing: 8-10+ years

BLEND

39% MERLOT,
31% CABERNET SAUVIGNON,
25% CABERNET FRANC,
5% SANGIOVESE