



Syrah Grenache Noir Cinsault 2020, Wine of Origin Coastal Region

Vineyards: Syrah from 19- and 11-year-old vineyards in Firgrove planted on decomposed granite soils. Bush vine Grenache Noir from Wellington planted on shale soils. Cinsault from a dryland farmed 39-year-old bush vines in Agter-Paarl planted on Malmesbury Shale.

Vintage 2020: The 2020 harvest was characterized by higher yields than 2019, excellent grape quality, and a moderate, cooler growing season that resulted in elegant red wines and good acidities. Early, moderate weather and good rain reserves led to increased production, with fruit showing excellent colour and refined tannins.

The 2020 vintage is regarded as exceptional, marked by ideal growing conditions that produced wines with high aromatic intensity, freshness and well-structured but polished tannins.

Fermentation & Maturation: Fermented in open top oak fermenters with a combination of 2 - 3 pump overs or punch downs per day. 50 % destemmed and 50 % whole bunch fermentation.

Matured in 1st - 4th fill 300 li and 500 li French oak barrels for 18 months. 30 % 1st fill barrel, 30% 2nd fill and 40 % 3rd – 4th fill barrel.

The blend: The Stellenbosch, Wellington and Agter-Paarl terroir matched perfectly with the 3 varieties where Syrah adds the fresh red berry fruit, spices and structure, the Grenache Noir lends fresh fruit, elegance and structure while Cinsault contributes brighter fruit, acidity and freshness.

Tasting note: This impressive red blend of 68 % Syrah, 20 % Grenache Noir and 12 % Cinsault showcases the remarkable fruit intensity, freshness and elegance of these varieties. The nose is alluringly perfumed, showing vibrant aromatics of red cherries, wild berries, fynbos, pepper spice and black olives.

Multi-dimensional and multi-layered, the palate delivers a textured mouthfeel and silky -smooth finish.

Analysis:

Alc: 13.96 %	RS: 2.50 g/l	TA: 6.0	pH: 3.40	VA: 0.57
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Awards: Platter 4.5 star (93 points)