



# SYRAH GRENACHE NOIR CINSULT 2021

## VINEYARDS

Syrah from 20- and 12-year-old vineyards in Firgrove planted on decomposed granite soils and Paardeberg planted in granite soils. Bush vine Grenache Noir from Wellington planted on shale soils. Cinsault from a dryland farmed 40-year-old bush vines in Agter-Paarl planted on Malmesbury Shale.

## VINTAGE 2021

The 2021 harvest was defined by a slow and steady growing season, resulting in a slightly smaller crop but one of outstanding quality. A combination of cool temperatures and moderate weather led to an exceptionally long ripening period. Grapes ripened slowly and developed exceptional phenolic ripeness at slightly lower sugar levels which allowed for remarkable flavour and colour development and wines with lower alcohol content and high natural acidity, excellent structure and significant aging potential.

The 2021 red vintage is widely regarded as an exceptional, high-quality year, with some experts suggesting it could rank among the region's best-ever vintages.

## 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 Firgrove, Stellenbosch, Wellington, Agter-Paarl and Paardeberg 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, 18 % Grenache Noir and 14 % Cinsault showcases the remarkable fruit intensity, freshness and elegance of these varietals. 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: 13.82 % | RS: 1.9 g/l | TA: 6.0 | pH: 3.36 | VA: 0.56

## AWARDS

Platter 5 Star (96 points) & Platter Red blend of the Year, Syrah based

