

# MARVEL VELOUS

Syrah  
Cinsaut  
Mourvedre  
Grenache  
Viognier

## RED 2013

**THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN 5 GRAPE VARIETIES, A CHEF, A WINEMAKER AND AN ENTREPRENEUR COLLIDE.**

### WINEMAKING

Red is the colour of passion. Warm and sensual, it brings the promise of pleasure. In the case of Marvelous Red, pleasure in the form of a well balanced, aromatic, wine.

Spicy Syrah and succulent Cinsaut form the backbone of this wine with the inclusion of Grenache Noir, Mourvedre and Viognier for texture and aromatics.

Selecting the correct sites for each variety played a critical role in determining the wine's character, and for the 2013 blend we have the following: Syrah from the Polkadraai ward of Stellenbosch, 40 year old bushvine Cinsaut from Darling, young bushvine Grenache Noir and Mourvedre from the Piekenierskloof, and Viognier from Stellenbosch.

Harvest of each block commenced as early as I dared in order to capture the natural acidity and freshness of every variety. With both vineyard selection and picking date essentially spoken for, the winemaking was really perfunctory, a matter of managing extraction of colour and tannins from the fermenting mash and ensuring the completion of fermentation without any incident.

Once dry, the wines were transferred to neutral oak barrels for maturation, where they remained for a period of 12 months before preparation for bottling commenced.

### BLEND

<b>SYRAH:</b>	<b>42%</b>
<b>CINSAUT:</b>	<b>41%</b>
<b>MOURVEDRE:</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>GRENACHE:</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>VIOGNIER:</b>	<b>4%</b>

### TECH SPECS

Alc (% vol)	13,57
RS (g/L)	2,64g
TA (g/L)	5,18
pH	3,76
VA (g/L)	0,90
SO2 (mg/L)	26/90

### TASTING NOTE

Lightly coloured in appearance, the nose is packed with aromas of roast plums, and spicy notes of cloves, cinnamon and white pepper. Sumptuous acidity leads onto a finely textured, complex palate well balanced by subtle chalky texture. A lifted, fresh note marks the pleasantly persistent finish.



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