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Hogan 'Mirror for the Sun' Cabernet Franc 2018

Wine of Origin: Stellenbosch

Technical analysis

pH: 3.4
TA: 5.6 g/l
RS: 1.0 g/l
Alc: 14%

Vinification and viticultural details

The Cabernet Franc grapes are sourced from 9-year-old, trellised vines from the lower Helderberg on granitic soils. The vineyard is 2km from the coast. The maritime effect is most favourable, especially in the hot February-March months in Stellenbosch. Leaf removal in the bunch zone (during November/December) is an important practice in this vineyard to let enough sun in to prevent vegetal flavours.

The grapes were picked towards the end of February. After picking they went straight to a cold room overnight to 10 degrees celsius. The following day they were sorted and crushed (no whole bunch). Spontaneous fermentation took place in open top fermenters with very soft handling during fermentation, only two punch downs per day. The wine was matured in 2x300L barrels: 1xFrançois Frères and 1xDargaud&Jaegle, and was only racked once, in June after malolactic fermentation. The wine was sent thorough a rough filter (550 Becopads) before bottling in January 2019.