

Geographica Thoreau Cabernet Franc 2020-WO Stellenbosch

Viticulture

From a mature Cabernet Franc vineyard planted on the western slopes of the Klapmuts mountain on decomposed granite and laterite. The vines are trellised to allow maximum light and air penetration to ensure complete phenolic development of the grape tannins and the dark fruited Cabernet Franc flavours

Vinification

Hand picked and chilled overnight, 20% whole bunch and 80% crushed. First 40% of ferment un-innoculated, then neutral yeast inoculation at 12 balling. Pigeage and occasional remontage. The still fermenting wine was then transferred to seasoned 300 liter oak barrels and terracotta doliums to complete fermentation and MLF. 80% wine was then allowed 16 months of elevage in French oak with 20% remaining in terracotta egg and dolium.

Alcohol	13.75 vol %
Total Acid	5.9 g/l
pН	3.45
RS	1.8 g/l

Intense youthful purple robe with gradation to vivacious ruby rim.

The nose has lifted floral perfumed dark fruit, incense, exotic spice and a herbal, garigue aroma. Still brooding and closed, the nose promises extensive maturation potential. On the palate the wine is lively and energetic with plum, berry and blackcurrant flavours bolstered by a very fine linear tannic structure, crystalline acidity and a crushed mineral coating. The palate is textured and long, lacy and intricate with an elegant and restrained power. CW 25/10/2022

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