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WINES OF CHARACTER

STELLENBOSCH

PINOTAGE, CABERNET SAUVIGNON, MERLOT, CABERNET FRANC, SHIRAZ 2018 'CAPE BLEND'

VINIFICATION

Wine maker description	A velvety opulent wine made with the Cape's own grape Pinotage blended with noble varieties. Rich and intriguing aromas and intriguing flavours suggestive of black forest cake with notes of cigar box and ripe cherries. Soft tannins, red fruit and a lively finish are hallmarks of this wine that is a signature of South African excellence.	
Varieties	Pinotage (43%), Cabernet sauvignon (24%), Merlot (19%), Cabernet franc (9%), Shiraz (5%)	
Origin	Wine of Origin Stellenbosch	
Vinification details	All the different grapes spent 5 days on cold maceration, where after it was fermented in stainless steel tanks at optimal temperatures of between 22-28°C. Here after malo-lactic fermentation took place on wood staves in stainless steel tanks. The wines were then matured separately for 10 months in 45% new 225L French and American oak, before being blended and left to marry for a further 2-4 months.	
Date of bottling	24 th February 2020	
Analysis	pH 3.42 Residual sugar 2.8 g/L	Total acidity 6.0 g/L Alcohol 14%

PROVENANCE

Vineyard – Da Capo, Sir Lowry's Pass, Helderberg

Soils	Granite/Tukulu (decomposed granite)/Table Mnt. Sandstone
Aspect	Cab s – west Pinotage – north west Merlot - south & south west
Area	Cab s – 5.86 Pinotage – 4.5 Merlot – 8 Ha
Trellising	Vertical Shoot Positioning
Irrigation	Drip
Predominant wind	SE Summer/NW Winter
Date of planting	Cab s – 2000 Pinotage – 2001 & 2002 Merlot – 1999
Clones	Cab s – 46C & 1631, 15M, 169AX Pinotage – PI45 & PI48A Merlot – MO343 & MO12, MO181 & MO192, MO3.
Balling at picking	24.5 – 25.9°B

