

Amphitheatre of Dreams

CAPE RED 2020

VINIFICATION

Wine maker description	Pinotage and Merlot offer roundness and red fruit. Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon & Cabernet Franc provide spice, structure and balance, while a touch of Petit Verdot & Mourvèdre adds inkiness, intensity and interest. Fresh and juicy Cape Red with bright notes of raspberry and red cherries which evolve into a darker, rounder core of ripe plum and mulberries. Hints of sweet spice and balsamic savouriness contribute to a long lingering finish.	
Varieties	Pinotage (30%), Merlot (30%), Shiraz (18%) Cabernet Sauvignon (10%), Cabernet Franc (7%), Petit Verdot (3%), Mourvèdre (2%)	
Origin	Wine of Origin Stellenbosch	
Vinification details	The various wines were all vinified and aged separately before being carefully selected and tasted for blending. Ageing took place in 225L French oak barrels and stainless-steel tanks before being blended, lightly filtered, and bottled.	
Date of bottling	1 February 2023	
Analysis	pH 3.73 Residual sugar 2.5 g/L	Total acidity 5.4 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°C

