IDIOM

WINES OF CHARACTER

STELLENBOSCH

IDIOM 'C' CAPE BLEND 2020

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 flavours with exploding layers of red fruits with notes of ripe plums, red velvet cake and tobacco. Soft tannins, balance and complexity are hallmarks of this uniquely South African. Fantastic with signature steakhouse cuts or Malay curries.
Varieties	Pinotage (41%), Merlot (32%), Cabernet Sauvignon (18%), Cabernet Franc (9%)
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	11 January 2022
Analysis	pH 3.7 Total acidity 5.7 g/L Residual sugar 2.3 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

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