

SIJNN

WINE OF MALGAS

MOURVEDRE 2013

(MATARO)

93 points - Tim Atkin

Grown extensive in the hot dry climates of southern France and Spain, where it's known as Mataro. Usually part of a blend together with Grenache, Syrah and others. Bandol in the Southern Rhone / Provence area is probably considered the benchmark for Mourvedre, as well as Beaumont in Bot River, Overberg. This vintage was particularly good and was especially produced for our "Education Pack" - a separate bottling of each of the six varieties we work with to create our flagship blend.

VINEYARD

The warm dry climate (350mm) moderated by constant sea breezes provides a rather marginal climate for the Trincadeira compared to their traditional homes in Portugal, Spain & southern France. We struggle to get full ripeness and this brings out the more edgy, herbaceous aspects of the variety. The soils are typically 85% stone, with about 600mm deep round, pudding stones on the surface with schist in the subsoil. All 9 year old bush vines.

Yield: 4ton/ha (29 hl/ha)

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

A good growing season with few problems. An outstanding harvest without the damaging winds experienced in Stellenbosch. A modest crop in good balance for all varieties. Perhaps the best vintage from Malgas yet.

PRODUCTION

Picked in the early morning and transported to Stellenbosch in a cool truck. Spontaneous natural yeast fermentation followed sorting, crushing and destemming. Time on skins was 7 days, with skins punched down 2 to 3 times a day. Single pressing in traditional basket press and malolactic fermentation in barrels. Racked into a single 700L old barrel after 9 months.

Time in barrel was 20 months.

Bottled by hand, unfiltered and unfiltered. Bottling Date: /11/2014

Total Production: x 6 x 750ml

TASTING NOTES

Medium red colour.

Lovely plump, wild berry and salty, cured meat nose. Full, rich, feisty palate with salty herb flavours adding to the berry and cured meat aspects. This would soak up a slow cooked lamb shank nicely. Drink 2018 to 2022.

ANALYSIS

Alc % Sugar g/l TA g/l pH 3.0 VA 0. SO2 free & total ppm

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