

# SIJNN

## WINE OF MALGAS

*An isolated vineyard in the Malgas ward near the mouth of the Breede River – called Sijnn (pronounced Seine) by the original Khoisan inhabitants. Perched on a plateau of slate and rolled stones, about 15km from the southern oceans of Africa.*

### CARIGNAN 2021

#### VINEYARD

A variety that grows extremely well – like a weed, but with an upright growth habit, wind and disease resistant and very productive. A viticultural dream in Malgas. Grown as bush vines and sustainably farmed. No pesticides were used. Planted in 2016 as part of the Grenache block 39.

Yield: 4 tons/ha (20 hl/ha)

#### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Growing season of this vintage started off very dry and warm, but in October and November 2020, we had a lot of rain, 150mm. Harvest saw cooler weather, with cool nights throughout the harvest period.

Wines with great acidities and quality. A small crop.

Vines irrigated in winter, just before the growing season and again at veraison to assist the critical ripening process, otherwise the vines are left to look after themselves.

#### PRODUCTION

Handpicked and carefully sorted in small crates in the cool mornings. Destemmed and gently crushed into small open top tanks, A small percentage of whole clusters added to ferment. Natural yeast fermentation @ max. temp. 29°C. Time on the skins about 9-12 days, with the cap of skins punched down (pigeage) 2 to 3 times a day. Single pressing in a traditional basket press and malolactic fermentation in barrels. 2 x 225L French oak barrels were chosen for this wine, older French oak used. The wine was bottled by hand, unfinned and unfiltered.

Bottling date: 18/5/2022

Production: 566 x 750ml

#### TASTING NOTES

Light, Vibrant red colour in the glass. Mixed berries, lavender and violets on the nose. Easy on the palate, with integrated and smooth tannins. A youthful, juicy wine, with lovely freshness.

Best drinking 2023-2030

This wine will pair well with good local lamb chops rosemary infused.

#### ANALYSIS

Alc 13,15 % | SG 1,8 l | TA 5,3/l | pH 3,41 | VA 0,69 g/l | SO<sub>2</sub> 17Free mg/l & 54 Total mg/l

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