

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.

MOURVEDRE 2021

VINEYARD

Blocks 6, 7 and 8 planted in 2004 on round pudding stone soils over a shale subsoil. Block 6 on a little loamier soil. All vines are grown as bush vines and sustainably farmed. No pesticides were used. A variety that struggles in the drier vintages in Malgas. 2021 particularly good.

Yield: 3 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 chosen for this wine, older French oak.

The wine was bottled by hand, unfinned and unfiltered.

Bottling date: 10/6/2022

Production: 554 x 750ml

TASTING NOTES

Vibrant red colour in the glass. Mixed berries on the nose, compote of raspberry, with hints of liquorice and river stones. A beautiful dusty and chalky element evolves later on. Vibrant palate with good tannin structure.

Best drinking 2023-2030

This wine will pair well with a richer red meat dish, steak, leg of lamb, and a good tomato stew.

ANALYSIS

Alc 13,5 % | SG 2,6 l | TA 5.1/l | pH 3.5 | VA 0.67 g/l | SO₂ 21 Free mg/l & 74 Total mg/l

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