

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.

GRENACHE 2021

VINEYARD

When you see the soils (stones) of Malgas you think Chateau Neuf du Pape and Grenache. The complex stony soils, together with a warm, dry climate, and a very low rainfall, moderated by constant sea breezes provides an ideal terroir for this variety. Like most Grenache around the world, grown as bush vines. Sustainably farmed. No pesticides used. Block 39, planted in 2016.
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. 50 % whole clusters added to ferment and the balance destemmed and gently crushed into small open top tanks. 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.
The wine was bottled by hand, unfinned and unfiltered.

Bottling date: 11/5/2022

Production: 600 x 750ml

TASTING NOTES

Bright, ruby-red colour. Alluring nose of Mixed berries, lavender, herbs, liquorice. Expressive palate of succulent berry and cherry flavours. Integrated yet powerful tannins. A youthful, juicy wine, with lovely freshness. It is good to drink now but we are confident it has the potential to age and curious to follow its development over the next 5 to 10 years.

Best drinking 2023-2028

This wine will pair well with good oxtail or tomato stews. A good old braai will never disappoint either.

ANALYSIS

Alc 13,67 % | SG 1,6 l | TA 5,1 l | pH 3,49 | VA 0,63 g/l | SO₂ 3 Free mg/l & 54 Total mg/l

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