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TERRACED BLOCK RESERVE 2016



VINTAGE CHARACTERISTICS

Challenging conditions, including extended warm weather and little rainfall, led to a reduced crop in 2016. However, the dry conditions headed vineyards and grapes which were very healthy overall. Vines produced lower bunch masses with smaller berries and concentrated flavours promising good wines.

VINEYARDS & HARVEST

From a single terraced estate vineyard, with a combination of North and East facing vines. Vineyard produced small concentrated berries with a yield of five tons per hectare. Grapes were handpicked at optimal ripeness.

GRAPE VARIETALS

100% Chardonnay

VINIFICATION

Extensive bunch sorting of the grapes formed part of the quality management process. The grapes were whole bunch pressed and barrel fermented for 14 days. Maturation took place in 225 litre 40% new French barrels for 10 months. No batonage or malolactic fermentation took place, in order to retain freshness.

TASTING NOTES

An expressive bouquet of smoky floral and citrus notes on the nose. On the palate, almonds, pears and passion fruit are supported by a crisp acidity and fine spicy minerals.

WINE OF ORIGIN

Banghoek, South Africa

WINE ANALYSIS

Residual Sugar: 1.7 g/l
pH: 3.26

Total Acidity: 7.1 g/l
Alcohol: 13.7%