

HERE BE DRAGONS



# Tormentoso

## Reserve 2013

### *Wine of Origin*

Paarl

### *Grape Source*

Dry-land vineyards from  
Agter-Paarl

### *Varietal Blend*

Syrah 48% Mourvèdre 32%  
Grenache 12% Cinsaut 8%

### *Production*

1700 bottles

### *Closure*

Natural Cork

### *Analysis*

Alc: 14.5%  
TA: 5.7 g/l  
pH: 3.64

### *Tasting notes*

The wine shows a deep garnet colour with a ruby rim. It has a delicate perfumed nose of raspberry and fine spice. Slight chocolate notes; vanilla and leather abounds due to careful oak aging. Dark berries; mocha and black forest cake follow through on the palate. Fine tannins prolong on the finish. Drink now or cellar for up to 8 years.

### *Vineyards*

The grapes for this wine are from a selection of the best of our vineyards in the Agter-Paarl region. These dry-farmed vineyards range between 12 and 18 years old. The Shiraz and Mourvèdre vineyards are trained using the South African Perold-system while the Cinsaut and Grenache are trained as bush-vines.

### *Vinification details*

The grapes for our Reserve were specially selected from our best vineyard blocks. They were hand-picked, carefully sorted and crushed into small open fermenters, hand-punched-down and hand pressed in a small basket press. The wine was allowed to settle for a few days after pressing. The clean wine was racked to barrel for approximately 20 months with occasional rackings.

A combination of new oak and older French oak barrels were used, to avoid over-extraction and to protect the fruit structure. Malolactic-fermentation was completed in barrel. No fining or filtration done prior to bottling.

### *Vintage description*

A cold winter in 2012 set the stage for a very good 2013 harvest. Yields were in line with long-term averages. The growing season was relatively dry and long, with slightly cooler than normal temperatures throughout, and no heat-waves. Harvest was 2 weeks later than normal, resulting in white wines with intense tropical fruit flavours and good varietal characteristics, and red wines with very good colour and soft, ripe tannins.

