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Tormentoso

Mourvèdre 2013

Wine of Origin

Paarl

Grape Source

Mourvèdre from a dry-farmed vineyard on Koopmanskraal farm in Agter-Paarl region, Syrah from dry-farmed vineyards in same region

Varietal Blend

100% Mourvèdre

Production

1288 x 6 x 750ml

Closure

Natural Cork

Analysis

Alc: 14.0%
RS: 3.1 g/l
TA: 5.4 g/l
pH: 3.55

Tasting notes

A complex nose of berry fruit that is complemented by Fynbos (heather/bracken) and spice aromas. Palate is layered with flavours of cloves, leathery spice and red fruit. A dry and savoury finish.

Vineyards

Mourvèdre is fairly rare in South Africa, only a handful are bottled as single varietals. This temperamental grape thrives on the Koopmanskraal farm in Agter-Paarl. The un-irrigated, 10-year-old block produces intensely concentrated, small bunches with pea-sized berries. The soils impart the unique rich fruit, soft spice and minerality that is characteristic of this exciting, unique wine.

Vinification details

100% of the wine was fermented on the skins and matured in small oak barrels with 15% of the blend matured in new barrels. Fined and filtered before 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.

