Circumstance Cabernet Franc, WO Stellenbosch 2021

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Waterkloof

— Stellenbosch, South Africa

Distinctive cool climate Cabernet Franc, classy and structured with the combination of fine black fruits, spice and dried herbs typical of the grape.

Production

Living soils and a natural approach to winemaking means that each of the single-varietal wines in the Circumstance range is truly defined by the circumstances influencing the chosen varietal and vineyard blocks, including: soil, aspect, altitude and vintage. The Cabernet Franc is from two adjoining, windswept, south-facing (less sun exposure) blocks 240-60m above and a mere 2 miles from The Atlantic. These factors combine to produce low yields, balanced grapes and wines with a true sense of place. Grapes are hand-harvested and brought to the cellar by horses for hand-sorting. De-stemming and sorting takes place and fermentation happens spontaneously with wild yeast in large, open-top wooden fermenters. Manual punch-downs or foot-pressing pigeage take place 1-2 times per day and the wine is left on skins for 35 days before going through malolactic fermentation in mainly old barriques then ageing for 23 months in the same vessels. No fining, just a light filtration. No additons other than sulphur. Vegan friendly, regeneratively farmed wine. 65 barrels made.

Tasting note

Classic Cabernet Franc on the nose with taut blackcurrant and wild plum fruit, hints of pencil shaving and lightly herbal notes. A concentrated, fruit filled wine which opens in the glass to give a complex, spicy finish, the bright red fruit flavours supported by fresh acidity and firm yet supple tannins.

Food Match

Cabernet Franc's liveliness makes it an excellent food wine. A slow roasted lamb shank rubbed in rosemary would complement this wine exceptionally well.

ABV:
13.00%

Case/Bottle Size:
6x 75cl

Closure:
Cork

Category:
Natural/Sustainable

Appellation:
WO Stellenbosch

Winemaker:
Nadia Langenegger

Grape Varieties:
Cabernet Franc 100%

Suitable for:
Vegan

Bottle Barcode:
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