The Underworld Grenache Blanc, WO Western Cape 2021

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Strange Kompanjie Unlimited

— Western Cape, South Africa

Beneath the earth a hidden kingdom lies. A land of sticks and stones, of broken bones, where roots abide unseen and thrive, finding every fossil and fissure, drinking in the mineral memories of millenia.

2022 Vintage

IWC Bronze 2023

2023 Vintage

IWSC Bronze 2024

Production

The wine is a blend of Grenache Blanc from two locations - 60% from 40% unirrigated bush vines located in Piekerniersкloof along with 40% from bush vine Paarl fruit (hence why it is classified as 'Western Cape'). The Paarl component has been barrel fermented in 4-6 year old 500lt French oak. The remainder has been wild fermented in stainless steel with 5g/l residual sugar to round off the spice a little.

Tasting note

There are few finer things than finding a cultivar that not only belongs in modern South Africa but is so phenomenally tasty – its delicately pithy otherness is hard to describe but let's have a go. On the nose it has a curious apothecary of rare botanicals including lemon peel, juniper, jasmine and guava. These can also be found on the palate supported by the grape's inherently pithy acidity, longevity and structure.

Food Match

Its lime leaf texture and exotic bouquet make it a perfect partner for all foods Asian. It also washes freshly shucked oysters down like a treat too!

ABV:
13.50%

Case/Bottle Size:
6x 75cl

Closure:
Screwcap

Category:
Sustainable

Appellation:
WO Western Cape

Winemaker:
Mikheil Khmelidze

Grape Varieties:
Grenache Blanc 100%

Suitable for:
Vegetarian

Allergen Info:
Contains Sulphites and No Other Allergens

Bottle Barcode:
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