Le Riche Vogelzang, WO Stellenbosch 2014

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Le Riche

— Stellenbosch, South Africa

Vintage

Tim Atkin Points

A small-batch, limited release Cabernet-Cinsaut blend, Vogelzang is delicate, elegant and perfectly matured showcasing two varietals blended in the traditional South African context with magnificent ageing potential.

Production

The Cabernet Sauvignon portion is two vineyards. Firstly from a 16 year old vineyard planted to CS46 on 101-14 MGT rootstock. Granitic hutton soils with an South East aspect, situated at 80 m above sea level. The second is from a 18 year old vines, planted to CS163 on 101-14 MGT rootstock. Gravely loam soils with a deep heavy clay underneath, Westerly aspect situated at 150m above sea level. Both sites are very exposed to the South Westerly sea breeze. The Cinsault is from a bush vine vineyard planted in 1973. Dryland farmed, westerly aspect with sandy duplex soils.The wines were fermented separately until dry with natural yeasts in traditional open concrete tanks with regular manual plunging. Secondary fermentation proceeded in barrel after which the wines were racked and aged. Blended after a year of ageing and bottled unfined and unfiltered after 20 months in barrel, 25% new French oak

Tasting note

Deep plum in colour with a distinctly lightening meniscus showcasing the age. Initial savoury notes are followed by aromas of blackberry, pomegranate, violets and hints of cedar, A full bodied, savoury entry is complemented by bursts of blackcurrant, cassis and rich dark chocolate and liquorice flavours. A wonderful complexity, seamlessly balanced acidity, firm yet rounded tannins finishing with great freshness and length. An overall mouthfeel that is velvety, luscious and appetising. Bold, yet elegant and perfectly matured showcasing two varietals blended in the traditional South African context illustrating their magnificent ageing potential!

Food Match

ABV:
14.00%

Case/Bottle Size:
6x 75cl

Closure:
Cork

Appellation:
WO Stellenbosch

Grape Varieties:
Cabernet Sauvignon 75%, Cinsault 25%

Suitable for:
Vegan

Bottle Barcode:
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