Circle of Life Red, WO Stellenbosch 2022

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Waterkloof

— Stellenbosch, South Africa

Circle of Life tells the story of Waterkloof: a once conventionally farmed property transformed into a living, breathing organic and regenerative vineyard by Farm Manager Christiaan Loots and his team. The 2023 vintage takes a bold change of direction with this structured yet exuberantly fruity Mourvedre-based blend of Rhone varietals.

Production

Circle of Life Red is neither defined by grape varietals, nor indeed a specific block within the vineyard, but instead encapsulates the myriad soils, aspects, altitudes and grape varieties found on this windswept, biodynamic farm. The windswept vineyard blocks are all south facing (less sun exposure), 200-350m above sea-level 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. Production is a miserly 4 tons/hectare. Grapes are hand-harvested and brought to the cellar for hand-sorting and whole bunch pressing. Fermentation takes place spontaneously with wild yeast in large, open-top wooden fermenters with soft manual punch-downs twice per day. The wine is left on skins for 21-25 days before going through malolactic fermentation in mainly old 600 ltr barrels, then ageing for 12 months in the same vessels. The components are then blended and the wine ages a further 8 months in large wooden foudre. No fining, just a light filtration. No additons other than sulphur. Vegan friendly, regenerative wine.

Tasting note

This harmonious Rhone-inspired blend combines savoury, perfumed Mourvedre, spicy Syrah, and supple, juicy Grenache. Vibrant aromas of crushed red fruits, plum and dried herbs with black pepper notes. Fresh and expressive on the palate with ample, ripe black fruits offset by fine-grained tannins and fresh, bright acidity on the long, gently savoury finish.

Food Match

This very versatile wine will complement numerous dishes from a tomato based stew to meat on the bone.

ABV:
13.00%

Case/Bottle Size:
6x 75cl

Closure:
Please Select

Category:
Natural/Sustainable

Appellation:
WO Stellenbosch

Winemaker:
Nadia Langenegger

Grape Varieties:
Mourvèdre 84%, Syrah 9%, Grenache 7%

Suitable for:
Vegan

Bottle Barcode:
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