Vuurberg White, WO Western Cape 2023

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2019 Vintage

Vuurberg

— Western Cape, South Africa

Decanter World Wine Awards Silver 2023

An epic, wonderfully concentrated blend of 5 varieties from the ever inventive Donovan Rall.

Production

The white is a blend of Chenin Blanc 50%, Viognier 20% and 10% Grenache Blanc with Semillon, Verdelho and Roussanne, all mountain grown fruit from estate vineyards, mainly Stellenbosch with small parcels from Swartland, Franschhoek and Paarl. The grapes are picked as early as possible and rushed to the cellar where depending on the varietal they are either crushed and destemmed or transferred directly into a tiny manually operated basket press to be process whole bunch. All varietals are fermented wild and matured in a combination of French barrique and 400 litre barrels(25% new). Full malolactic fermentation takes place and the blend made after 9 months on the fermentation lees without stirring. The wine undergoes a coarse filtration before bottling.

Tasting note

Clean, bright and spicy with a rich, fresh stone fruit. White pepper and a fine, pithy minerality. The palate keeps giving with a core of stony acidity and a relentless finish.

Food Match

Fresh crayfish, sole meunier, simply grilled and salted turbot.

ABV:
13.00%

Case/Bottle Size:
6x 75cl

Closure:
Cork

Appellation:
Iwade

Winemaker:
Donovan Rall

Grape Varieties:
Chenin Blanc 47%, Grenache Blanc 20%, Verdelho 14%

Suitable for:
Vegan

Bottle Barcode:
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