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FACT SHEET

Alcohol: 14.54%vol
pH: 3.80
RS 2.9g/l
TA: 5.8g/l

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Winemakers Comments

The 4th vintage of this premium blended wine comprises of 207 barrique in total in the following proportion: Syrah 105 barrique, Grenache Noir 46 barrique, Cabernet Sauvignon 24 barrique, Cinsault 24 barrique, and Viognier 8 barrique. As before the Syrah was from a selected Malmesbury vineyard, the Grenache Noir from Citrusdal, the Cinsault from Wellington and the Cabernet Sauvignon as well as the Viognier component came from the vineyards at Boekenhoutskloof. All fermented separately with all of the Grenache noir being blended with a proportion of Syrah before maturation. This is due to the high oxidation potential of the cultivar. After alcoholic fermentation, malolactic fermentation was completed spontaneously in a combination of new and used French oak casks. All barrique were left on the primary lees for 15 months, an egg-white fining followed by a coarse filtration led to bottling in July 2006. 207 barrels were selected for the final blend.

Tasting Notes

Hints of dark chocolate and ripe fruit dominate the aromatic profile of this wine. Rich and ripe, the wine has a generous mouth feel and mid-palate weight with a minimum of five years ageing potential.

