

THE WOLFTRAP

2023

SYRAH 79% MOURVÈDRE 20% VIOGNIER 1%

ORIGINS OF THE WOLFTRAP

The Wolftrap is a tribute to the pioneers who in the early days ventured into the Cape wilderness and erected a wolf trap on Boekenhoutskloof. To date, no wolf either real or mystical, has been seen in the valley. The Wolftrap - a Boekenhoutskloof original.

VINIFICATION & WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

The 2023 growing season saw a dry, warm winter and adequate rain before véraison. A cool, wet ripening period followed which led to the grapes ripening slowly which benefited quality.

With its upright canopy, the vigorous, hardy and thick-skinned Mourvèdre cultivar, is able to withstand the annual heat waves without compromising fruit quality. The variety is especially highlighted in vintage 2023. With its intensely bold colour, smoky aromas, and meaty flavours, the Mourvèdre is fundamental in this iconic blend. Contributing to the layers of black fruit and spice is our Swartland Syrah which lifts the palate with its beautiful cherry and plum flavours. We intervene as little as possible, aiming for a pure expression of variety and terroir.

TASTING NOTE

The nose is rich, perfumed and intense with its abundance of red and dark fruits, heady whiffs of violets and rose petals, and classic garrigue notes. Blueberries, dark plums and black cherries follow through onto a bold, plush palate with hints of iodine and cured meat adding to the layered complexity. The midpalate is smooth and opulent, with an earthy core, balanced acidity and velvety, ripe tannins. Coriander spice, cloves and plum sauce linger on a juicy, refreshing finish.

ANALYSIS

WINE OF ORIGIN WESTERN CAPE

ALC: 14.23%vol • RS: 3.03g/l • TA: 4.72 g/l • pH: 3.81



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