

MALBEC 2022

WINEMAKER: Janno Briers-Louw

100% Malbec **COMPOSITION:** ORIGIN: Agter-Paarl

AGE OF VINES: Planted in 2012

IRRIGATION: None (dryland vineyards)

SOIL TYPE: Decomposed shale YIELD: 6 tons per hectare

PRODUCTION: 50 x 6

AGEING POTENTIAL: 6 – 10 years from vintage

VINIFICATION

Grapes were hand-picked from a parcel of low-yielding vines and chilled before being sorted and destemmed. The grape juice and skins were cold macerated at temperatures between 5-8°C for up to 4 days. Fermentation took place in open top fermentation vessels and the rising cap was punched down every 4-6 hours. Malolactic fermentation occurred in barrel. Matured in a 225L new French oak barrel for a total period of 11 months.

TASTING NOTES

Our maiden release Malbec has a deeply coloured appearance. On the nose, it reveals a mulberry-dominated dark fruit spectrum, with nuances of ripe blackberry and black cherry adding complexity. The palate showcases soft, rounded tannins, providing a smooth and approachable mouthfeel. A good extract and fresh acidity balance the rich fruit flavours - these elements will favour excellent maturation potential. The finish is long and satisfying, with lingering notes of dark berries and a hint of spice. The perfect pairing for a ribeye steak with Chimichurri sauce.

