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TERRACED BLOCK RESERVE 2022

VINTAGE CHARACTERISTICS

An uncharacteristically cold and wet start to the growing season ensured good dormancy in the vines, while an early and warm January brought the ripening period forward. Reds delivered dark colour and impressive structure quite early in the harvest, balanced by higher than average acidity. Overall, a promising vintage

VINEYARDS & HARVEST

From a single terraced estate vineyard, with a combination of North and East facing vines. Vineyard produced small concentrated berries with a yield of six tons per hectare. Grapes were handpicked at optimal ripeness.

GRAPE VARIETALS

100% Chardonnay

VINIFICATION

Extensive bunch sorting of the grapes formed part of the quality management process. The grapes were whole bunch pressed and barrel fermented for 14 days. Maturation took place in 225 litre 40% new French barrels for 10 months. No batonage or malolactic fermentation took place, in order to retain freshness.

TASTING NOTES

An expressive bouquet of smoky floral and citrus notes on the nose. On the palate, almonds, pears and passion fruit are supported by a crisp acidity and fine spicy minerals.

WINE OF ORIGIN

Banghoek, South Africa

WINE ANALYSIS

Residual Sugar: 2.5 g/l

pH: 3.37

Total Acidity: 6.7 g/l

Alcohol: 13.35 %

