



Grape Varieties	100% Syrah
Winemaker	Andrea Mullineux
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	14%
Residual Sugar	2.1g/L
Acidity	5.6g/L
Wine pH	3.7
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan

PRODUCER

Founded by Chris and Andrea Mullineux in 2007, this winery is now one of the most lauded in South Africa. Named 'Winery of the Year' four times by the Platter Guide in 2014, 2016, 2019 and 2020, Mullineux were also Tim Atkin MW's 'South African Winemakers of the Year' in 2016. They chose the town of Riebeeek-Kasteel, just west of Malmesbury in the Swartland, for its old vineyards on granite and schist soils, reasoning that, with such quality fruit, they would be able to make outstanding wines. It is an understatement to say they have been proved right.

VINEYARDS

A blend of six sustainably-farmed parcels from across the Swartland. Three parcels are planted on the stony shale and schist-based soils of the Kasteelberg, which contribute bold fruit. Two parcels of dry land, bush vines grown in the decomposed Granite of the Paardeberg contribute mineral freshness to the final wine. The final parcel comes from the iron rich soils west of Malmesbury, which lend structured tannins and weight. The vines are aged between 26 and 34 years.

VINTAGE

The severe droughts of 2015 to 2018 are not quite a distant memory, however water reserves were replenished by consistent winter rainfall. Moderate weather throughout the season, especially during harvest, resulted in slower-ripening grapes, resulting in complex aromatics and larger yields than 2020.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were harvested by hand in the early morning. Once at the winery, 90% of the fruit was crushed as whole bunches in order to retain the characteristics of the vineyard, as well as additional structure and freshness. Cap management took place to encourage natural and gentle extraction during the indigenous fermentation which lasted four weeks. The wine was then pressed to 500 litre barrels for 11 months, followed by an additional nine months in tank. This completed the tannin development and allowed the dark aromas to flourish. It was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES

This Swartland Syrah has superb complexity and balance. On the nose is a wonderful bouquet of fresh blackberries, violets and black olive. The structured palate follows through with intricate layers of dark plums, sour cherry and star anise and finishes with powerful and velvety tannins.