

Momento

Tinta Barocca 2019

This wine is a tribute to all old vine Tinta Baroccas of South Africa, which for a long time have supported some beautifully fine 'red blends' but seldom got the recognition they deserve. A blend of three special vineyards all aged over 40 years - of origin Bot River, Stellenbosch and Swartland - grown on a soil combination of Bokkeveld shale, decomposed granite and clay.

Tasting Note

Cherries, cassis, roses and cinnamon joined by porcini mushroom and soy make this an alluring and complex nose added to by the ripe phenolic grip and textured, coating palate. The balance between lifted and bright primary red fruit notes and that savoury gravitas mimics high end Pinot Noir. Tightly wound and complex, this wine can age beyond 2025.

Winemaking

Natural and gentle winemaking procedures were followed in the cellar, allowing the vineyards to speak and express themselves in the wine. 25% whole bunches and gentle punch downs by hand twice daily. After 4 weeks of maceration on skins, grapes were basket-pressed to barrel. Matured for 16 months in older, French oak barrels. No fining.

Analysis

Residual sugar: 1.6g/L
Total acid: 5.3 g/L
pH: 3.61
Alcohol: 13.57 % vol



1st buds of the season for 42 year old Tinta Barocca vines, Bot River