

## Tinta Barocca 2020

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 three vineyards all aged over 40 years - of origin Stellenbosch and Swartland - grown on a soil combination of Bokkeveld shale, decomposed granite and clay.

## Tasting Note

Wild strawberries, maraschino cherries, baked rhubarb and aniseed lead the way in a fruiter expression than the austere 2019. Robust but beautifully powdery tannins hold the ample fruit upright and support the more savoury notes like porcini and cinnamon as they unfurl with time in the glass.

## 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 3 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/LTotal acid: 5.2 g/LpH: 3.74

Alcohol: 12.95 % vol

