

EAGLES' NEST SHIRAZ 2020

Production:

The vineyard aspects range from East to North, North-West and are perfectly positioned for a cool climate Shiraz. Eleven blocks of Shiraz are planted on different sections of Eagles' Nest, at altitudes ranging from 100m to 400m above sea level. These blocks make up a total of 4,32ha. Based on the varying altitudes and undulations of these blocks, and the different meso and micro climates the vines are exposed to, various small batches of grapes were individually picked and processed, to allow for the production of individual and distinct Shiraz components. To ultimately create a complex and layered wine. Each of the respective components were hand-picked and cooled down before processing. Grapes were then hand-sorted, de-stalked and crushed into small and medium sized open top fermenters. Pump-overs were performed three to four times per day. Following fermentation, the free run wine was drawn off and the skins pressed separately. The wine was then racked into French Oak barrels. After 18 months in barrel (35% new wood), selected components of the wine were blended and allowed to harmonise, before bottling in December 2021.

Description:

A Shiraz of cool climate character with a bright red colour. On the nose the prominent pepper tones, a hallmark of the Eagles' Nest Shiraz, are complimented with perfume and ripe red fruit aromas. Mineral, earthy notes develop in the glass. These aromas are lovingly enveloped by savoury, smoky notes. The palate shows delightful concentration of flavours, with pepper, spice and delicious red fruit flavours remaining the driving force. Soft, integrated tannins and a full, structured mid-palate hold true and follow through to an extended mouthcoating aftertaste balanced by delicious freshness.

Analysis:

Variety: 100% Shiraz | **Clone:** 174 : 470 | **Wine of Origin:** Constantia | **Altitude:** 100m to 400m | **Slopes:** Ranging from North, East to West | **Soils:** Decomposed Granite, overlaid with high density Table Mountain Sandstone rock | **Bottling date:** December 2021 | **Number of bottles:** 12 355 | **Alcohol** 14.0% | **Sugar** 1.82 g/l | **TA** 6.44g/l | **pH** 3.53 | **TSO₂** 100 mg/l | **FSO₂** 37mg/l

