

Bloemcool

ERNESTUS

WINE STORY

ERNESTUS BACK, A WONDERING NOMAD OF SORTS, ARRIVED THE SAME NIGHT THAT A COMET COLOURED THE EASTERN SKY AFTER SUNSET. GREETED BY COMMANDER ZACHARIAS WAGENAAR, HE WAS WELCOMED INTO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, ENTRUSTED TO TEACH CHILDREN AND LEND A HAND IN WINEMAKING. AS A RATHER JOVIAL FELLOW, HE WOULD OCCASIONALLY GET TOO 'HAND'S ON' WITH THE WINEMAKING AND RAN AMOK CAUSING MUCH SCANDAL – PARTICULARLY ON THE 'LORD'S DAY'. UNIMPRESSED, COMMANDER WAGENAAR MADE WINE CONSUMPTION ILLEGAL ON SUNDAYS, AND PROMPTLY BUNDLED ERNESTUS OFF TO BATAVIA, HIS DISAPPEARANCE FADING FROM THE SCENE AS SWIFTLY AS THE COMET. THIS BLOEMCOOL WINE IS MADE TO HONOUR THE SPIRIT OF ERNESTUS BACK – A MAN FILLED WITH MUCH SPIRIT.

WINEMAKING INFO

THE GRAPES WERE HANDPICKED AT 25 B FROM A GREAT SITE OF BUSHVINE SHIRAZ IN THE SWARTLAND. ONCE THE CRATES REACHED THE CELLAR THEY WERE SORTED AND FERMENTED IN 5500L Foudre. DURING FERMENTATION IT WAS MANUALLY WORKED WITH PUNCH DOWNS DAILY FOR THE START OF FERMENTATION AND 2/3 PUMPOVERS. THE WINE SPENT 12 DAYS ON THE SKINS BEFORE BASKET PRESSING IN A MARZOLA PRESS. THE FREE RUN AND PRESS WINE IS KEPT SEPERATE FROM THIS STAGE AND THE PRESS FRACTIONS GO STRAIGHT INTO OLDER FRENCH OAK BARRELS FOR MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION AND AGING. THIS BARREL WAS THE ONLY PRESS BARREL KEPT SEPERATE FROM THIS BATCH AND WAS SELECTED FOR THE RAW SPICENESS AND RHONE CHARACTER THAT IT SHOWED. THE WINE WAS RACKED AND BOTTLED AS SINGLE BARREL AFTER 23 MONTHS IN A 225L FRENCH OAK BARREL.

TASTING NOTE

SHIRAZ IS A NOBLE BLACK GRAPE VARIETY THAT IS REVERED WORLDWIDE. SOUTH AFRICA IN PARTICULAR IS PRODUCING WORLD-CLASS SHIRAZ WINES THAT REPRESENT ASTONISHING VALUE FOR MONEY. ERNESTUS IS A MEDIUM RUBY COLOUR, THE NOSE INSTANTLY PROVIDING WAVES OF VIOLETS, PEPPER AND PEPPERED CHARCUTERIE. THE JUICY PALATE IS FILLED WITH PLUM, SPICE AND HINTS OF OAK. DRINKING WELL NOW, SIP THIS PERFECT MIDWEEK BOTTLE ALONGSIDE TRADITIONAL SOUTH AFRICAN BRAAIED MEATS.

CULTIVAR

SHIRAZ

VINTAGE

2014

WINE OF ORIGIN

SWARTLAND

AMOUNT BOTTLED

197

BOTTLING DATE

04/02/2016

ANALYSIS

ALC 13,5

RS 3

PH 3,56

TA 5,9

VA 0,75

