

## SYRAH RESERVE 2017



## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

WINEMAKER: CRAIG MCNAUGHT

The grapes for our Syrah all come from a very special, low-yielding block on our farm. After harvesting, 85% of the grapes were lightly destemmed, while the remaining 15% were added to the tank as whole bunches. Two days of pre-ferment maceration were carried out before incoculating. After a quick fermentation, the grapes were pressed off and settled before taking the wine to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> fill French Oak barriques for 28 months.

## TASTING NOTES

There is plenty of dark berry fruit and black pepper on the nose, with some violet, fynbos and earthiness to boot. There is an intensity on the palate, showing fullness, but at the same time, bright acidity and firm, ripe tannins in the finish. A lovely wine to pair with slow-cooked winter food or roast pork and vegetables. Enjoy now or within 10 years from harvest.

## ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 14.74 % Sugar: 2.6 g/l Acidity: 5.7 g/l pH: 3.66