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Hogan Divergent 2018

Wine of Origin: Coastal Region

Technical analysis

pH: 3.51
TA: 5.7 g/l
RS: 1.7 g/l
Alc: 13.5%

Vinification and viticultural details

The Divergent blend comprises of 34% Carignan, 34% Cinsaut and 32% Cabernet Sauvignon. The Carignan was picked first towards the end of January from 15 year old, unirrigated bush vines from Wellington. The Cinsaut, from the Helderberg region, was then picked in mid – February. These are 43-year old, unirrigated bush vines. Lastly, the Cabernet Sauvignon was picked early-March from 19-year old trellised and irrigated vines at 295m altitude on from the Stellenbosch region (Polkadraai)

All components were crushed and destemmed (except for the Cinsaut which was 30% whole bunch) and naturally fermented. After fermentation the different varietals were pressed and kept separate in 225L barrels. In June the barrels were first racked and the Divergent blend was made up in August after which the wine spent a further 4 months in barrel until bottling early January 2019.

Tasting notes

The nose shows lovely cherry, currant and plum fruit, floral character and spice. A medium bodied palate, well balanced with a nice freshness and a savoury finish. Fine and expressive with wonderful purity.

Awards/Ratings

Tim Atkin South Africa 2019 Special report: September 2019: 92/100
Winemag.co.za Christian Eedes October 2019: 92/100
Platter's Guide 2020: 94 points (4.5 stars)