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Hogan Divergent 2019

Wine of Origin: Coastal Region

PLATTER'S GUIDE 5 STARS!

Technical analysis

pH: 3.45
TA: 5.8 g/l
RS: 1.7 g/l
Alc: 13.0%

Vinification and viticultural details

The Divergent blend comprises of 34% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Cinsaut and 32% Carignan. The Carignan was picked first towards the end of January from 16 year old, unirrigated bush vines from Wellington. The Cinsaut, from the Helderberg region, was then picked in mid – February. These are 44-year old, unirrigated bush vines. Lastly, the Cabernet Sauvignon was picked early-March from 20-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 2020.

Tim James: *"Like most of the Hogan wines, it's light and elegant – just 13% alcohol and bone-dry, lifted by a wholebunch-fermented portion. There are savoury, scrubby dried herb notes along with understated but pure fruit. The tannins are fine and unobtrusive but shape the wine well. I've always enjoyed this wine but the 2019 (by current standards not overpriced at nearly R400) seems to me both more complex and readier for early drinking in its harmony and freshness – though it should age beneficially"*

Christian Eedes: *"A homage to the famed Chateau Musar as is now well documented. Red and black berries, fresh herbs, earth and spice on the nose while the palate has very good structure - pure fruit, acidity that really pops and crunchy tannins. This vintage retains the singularity that the wine has always had but the components seem better married, the overall wine possessing more harmony than before."*

Platter Guide 2022 rating: 5 stars (95/100)

#Winemag rating January 2022: 94/100

Tim Atkin South Africa 2021 Special report: September 2021: 91/100