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Hogan 'Mirror for the Sun' Cabernet Franc 2022

Wine of Origin: Stellenbosch

Technical analysis

pH: 3.47
TA: 5.4 g/l
RS: 1.5 g/l
Alc: 13.5%

Vinification and viticultural details

The Cabernet Franc grapes are sourced from 13-year-old, trellised vines from the lower Helderberg on granitic soils. The vineyard is 2km from the coast. The maritime effect is most favourable, especially in the hot February-March months in Stellenbosch. Leaf removal in the bunch zone (during November/December) is an important practice in this vineyard to let enough sun in to prevent vegetal flavours. The grapes were picked in early March. They were sorted and crushed (no whole bunch). Spontaneous fermentation took place in open top fermenters with very soft handling during fermentation, only two punch downs per day. The wine was matured in 225L older French oak barrels for 8 months. It was sent thorough a rough filter before bottling in December 2022.

Christian Eedes Winemag.co.za: *“Grapes from a lower Helderberg vineyard on granitic soils. Matured for nine months in older 225-litre barrels. Gorgeous aromatics of red and black berries, lifted and rather pretty herbal notes, Ceylon tea and rose. The palate shows clean fruit, bright acidity and super-fine tannins. Lovely delineation and energy, the finish emphatically dry but not too austere. Poised and full of charm, Hogan’s best rendition yet of this variety”* **95/100 June 2023**

Tim Atkin South Africa Report 2023: *“The 2022 release of Jocelyn Hogan's Atlantic-influenced lower Helderberg Cabernet Franc is the best yet, showing remarkable precision, elegance, refinement and grace. Mint and cut grass aromas dovetail with a palate of bay leaf, capsicum and black cherry, fine-boned tannins and understated oak. Wonderfully pure and perfumed. 2024-30”* **96/100 September 2023**