



SARONSBERG

TULBAGH

Grenache 2013

Harvest

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| Cultivar: | Grenache |
| Clones: | GN70A |
| Rootstock: | R110 and Mgt 101-14 |
| Age: | Average 10 years |
| Soil: | Grown on two vineyard sites, one trellised vines on partially weathered Malmesbury shale soils and the other bush vines grown in a sand-loam soil with high gravel and broken rock content. |
| Harvest: | 25 February 2013 and 11 March 2013 respectively. |
| Yield: | 5.7 ton/ha (38 hl/ha) |
| Balling: | 24.6 °B |
| pH: | 3.29 |
| Total acid: | 6.45 g/l |

Fermentation

This Grenache is made from two vineyards, one a bush vine and the other trellised. The grapes were picked by hand in the early morning hours and then pre-cooled in our chiller. Ninety percent of the bunches and berries were destemmed and hand-sorted on stainless steel vibration tables by highly trained staff. The balance was kept whole bunch and added to the fermentation tanks.

An initial cold-soak period of four days preceded fermentation, which was allowed to start naturally and finished with inoculated yeast. The wine was given extended post-fermentation maceration on the skins; the total time spent on the skins is 22 days. Then the grapes were pressed into 100% second-fill 300 liter French oak barrels, keeping the free-run and press fractions separate.

Malolactic fermentation finished in barrels and the wine was left on its lees. Ten months later the wine was racked and returned to barrel. After a total of 20 months in barrel the wine was prepared for bottling, preceded by a coarse filtration.

Analysis

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| Alcohol: | 14.44% |
| Total acid: | 6.3 g/l |
| pH: | 3.32 |
| Residual sugar: | 2.8 g/l |
| Volatile acidity: | 0.68 g/l |
| Free sulphur: | 25 mg/l |
| Total sulphur: | 78 mg/l |

The wine has a ruby red colour and ripe cherry flavours with delicate fynbos and spice undertones and a hint of violets. Its soft tannin structure is balanced by a textured body, layered fruit flavours and integrated oak flavours.

