

SOUTH AFRICA



Mullineux

Handcrafted wines from the heart of the Swartland

Wine: **2014 Mullineux Syrah**
Bottling Date: 15th November 2015
Production: 29 160 bottles/2 430 cases plus 300 magnums
Wine of Origin: Swartland

Technical Details at Bottling:

Alcohol	Total Extract	Residual sugar	Total acidity	Volatile acidity	Total SO ₂	Free SO ₂	pH
14.00%	30.8	2.3 g/l	5.1 g/l	0.62	103	33	3.86

Source of Grapes:

From seven sustainably farmed vineyard parcels in different parts of the Swartland: four parcels planted in the stony Shale and Schist based soils of the Kasteelberg; two parcels of dry-land, bush vines grown in the decomposed Granite of the Paardeberg; and one on the rolling, iron-rich soils west of Malmesbury. Vines are aged between 19 and 26 years.

Date(s) Harvested:

Grapes were harvested between the 26th January and 15th February 2014.

Yields:

Between 4 to 6 tons/ha = 24 to 33 HL/ha

Winemaking:

Each parcel of hand-picked grapes is chilled in our cold room then about 50% are destemmed to tank and the remainder is added as whole bunches. Minimal SO₂ is added and, as with all our wines, no further additions are made. The must is initially pigeaged once a day. After about 4 days fermentation begins with indigenous yeasts and the wine is pigeaged once or twice a day, depending on extract and tannin development. Temperatures are not allowed to exceed 28 °C. Fermentation lasts from 7 to 10 days after which 3 to 7 weeks (also depending on tannin development) skin contact is given. The wine is then drained and pressed to barrel for malolactic fermentation and maturation. The different parcels are racked in Spring to blend the wine, which is then returned to barrel and bottled unfiltered and unfinned after a further 14 months maturation.

Maturation:

Aged 11 months in French oak 225L and 500L barrels and 2000L Foudre. 15% new wood in total.

Tasting Note:

This perfumed Syrah has notes of spicy citrus rind, refined black fruit, violets and lilies. The palate is elegant and restrained yet with plenty body and a silky texture balanced by a fresh, natural acidity. The finish is long with supple tannins. Best served at 16 to 18 °C, this wine will greatly benefit from decanting if drunk within the first 3 to 5 years after bottling.

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