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Mullineux

Handcrafted wines from the heart of the Swartland

Wine: **2012 Mullineux SCHIST Syrah**
Bottling Date: 15th January 2014
Production: 1049 bottles / 87 cases & 50 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
13.5%	31.4	2.4 g/l	6.2 g/l	0.71	70	31	3.57

Source of Grapes:
Grapes for our 2012 Schist Syrah were sourced from a single parcel of 17 year old vines planted in the stony Shale and Schist soils of Riebeek Kasteel's mountain. This parcel of Syrah gives the best expression of the Kasteelberg's terroir – density and structure. We follow sustainable, reasoned farming practices.

Date(s) Harvested:
Grapes were hand-harvested on the 8th February 2012.

Yields:
5 tons/ha = 30 HL/ha

Winemaking:
Grapes were first chilled in our cold room then the whole bunches were put into open-top 500L French oak barrels and foot stomped to release some juice. Minimal SO2 was added and, as with all our wines, no further additions were made. After about 4 days fermentation began with indigenous yeasts and lasted about 10 days. A further four weeks skin contact was then given after which the wine was drained and pressed to barrel for malolactic fermentation and maturation. We pigeaged once a day before, during and after fermentation. In Spring the wine was racked and after a total of 23 months in barrel was bottled unfiltered and unfined. 10 months of aging in bottle was then given before release.

Maturation:
23 months, French oak 500L barrels 50% new

Tasting Note:
This is the most structured Syrah in our Single Terroir range. On the nose there are notes of black pepper, black fruit and spices. The palate is full-bodied with a meaty, savoury character, plenty of silky tannins giving structure and a balancing natural acidity. The finish is fresh, long and supple. Best served at 16 to 18 °C, this wine will greatly benefit from decanting when drunk within the first 3 to 5 years after bottling.

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