

M·A·N Family Wines

Syrah 2018



Wine description & food pairing

A distinctive wine: juicy and complex with well-rounded and lingering flavours. The bouquet is aromatic with gamey and liquorice aromas. The palate has mouth-filling blackcurrant and plum flavours with finely integrated tannins. A combination of Mourvèdre and Grenache adds soft red fruit and fine spice characters. This layered, medium bodied Shiraz will complement slow-cooked stews, curry and barbecued meat. Serve at a cool room temperature.

Vineyards

Sourced from bush-vine and trellised vineyards in the Agter-Paarl region. Syrah thrives in the Malmesbury Shale soils typical of our region: the unirrigated vineyards naturally reduce yields and produce smaller bunches to make wines with concentrated flavours and aromas.

Winemaking techniques

The grapes were hand-harvested at between 24 and 25° balling and given a two day cold maceration. Fermentation took place over 5 days in stainless steel tanks with regular pump-overs. Just before dryness, the wine was pressed and put back into tank for malolactic fermentation. 100% of the wine was matured in older 225L American oak barrels. Barrel maturation of 12 months overall. Fined and filtered before bottling.

Vintage conditions

2018 was a very dry and short season with hardly any rainfall. This resulted in substantial preservation of aromatics in the wines. Unusually cool evenings were much appreciated and resulted in a healthy crop with minimal threat of disease. The lower temperatures also encouraged good moisture retention in the soils, thus lending intensely concentrated colour to the red wines.

Skaapveld Syrah

Skaapveld refers to the grazing land for sheep that adjoins many of the Syrah vineyards in our region. Whether the sheep have any effect on the wine is open to debate, but they add a lively encouragement during harvest time.

Technical details:

Blend: 85% Syrah, 7% Mourvèdre, 6% Cinsault, 2% Grenache,

Grape source: 100% Coastal Region

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Alc: 14.0% · **RS:** 4.6 · **TA:** 5.5 · **pH:** 3.53