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WINE MERCHANTS

Phoenix 2018, Avondale

Paarl, South africa



Product code	AW56ZZRC
Grapes	Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec
Country	SOUTH AFRICA
ABV%	14
Case Size	6
Closure Style	Screw Cap
Producer	Avondale Wine
Vintage	2018

Organic Biodynamic

Vegan Vegetarian

Producer

Situated in the Paarl Valley, 60 kilometres north east of Cape Town, this 160 hectare estate has been cultivated for more than 300 years with records showing that the farm was one of the first in the region to be dedicated to producing wine grapes. Purchased by the Grieve family in 1997, their youngest son, Johnathan has overseen the property since the outset. Convinced by the importance of environmental harmony, he developed a motto 'Terra est Vita' or 'Soil is Life' and set about introducing organic and biodynamic practices. 70 hectares of the estate are planted with vines across 13 different soil types, ranging from loam to decomposed granite and sandstone. Varieties are matched to soil type and planted in one hectare blocks with each plot being vinified separately. The winery operates by gravity and no additives are used including less than half the normal doses of sulphites.

Tasting Notes

A generous nose of balckcurrant and liquorice, layered with hints of dark chocolate and ground coffee. The palate shows an explosion of fruit, supported by elegant, well integration tannins and a long silky finish. A powerful yet refined wine that lingers beautifully.

Viticulture

Sourced from organically farmed vines aged betweem 16 and 25 years, with carefully managed yields of 6-8 tonnes per hectare to ensure concentration and balance.

Winemaking

Grapes were hand-picked at between 23-24ºB. The grapes were destemmed, crushed, after which wild yeast fermentation was allowed in closed stainless steel tanks. Fermentation peaked at 30ºC. Post-fermentation maceration was allowed. Malolactic fermentation and maturation took

place in small used French oak barrels. The wine was aged for 12-14 months in 225 litre barrels (2nd, 3rd and 4th fill).

Awards

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