SECKFORD AGENCIES

SIGNATURE, ERNIE ELS

Vintage 2021

ERNIE ELS WINES



For Ernie Els Signature, each variety is separately managed to create unique and varied flavour profiles in this classic, 'médoc-style', Bordeaux blend.

TASTING NOTE

Dark crimson. Struck-flint, lustrous dark cherries and blackcurrant cassis play the opening keys. Wafts of savoury spice, a touch of toasty oak, and a flash of thyme in the background. Focused and elegant, the palate peels off layers of fruit, red and black cherries, plums, following a spine of muscular tannins, smoothing to silk at the edges, unwinding into a black gravel minerality on the finish. A blend of all five bordeaux varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon 60%, Merlot 25%, Cabernet Franc 5%, Malbec 5%, Petit Verdot 5%

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The 2021 Vintage was the first vintage where the vines started to come back into their normal circadian rhythm with the rain and temperatures normalizing. This vintage started with the soil at full water holding capacity allowing the vines to bud with no limitations.
The temperatures this season were relatively hot, but had intermittent cooler days with rain. This led to stretching the ripening of the fruit to allow the ripening process to continue for longer.

VINIFICATION DETAILS

The grapes were hand-harvested in the cool hours of the early morning. Whole berries were fermented in Nico Velo concrete tanks with intermittent pump-overs and punch-downs to ensure a balance between flavour, colour and tannin extraction from the skins. This was followed by secondary fermentation for 18 months in French oak barrels (50% new). A small batch (15%) spent 8 months in terracotta amphorae. All ferments were meticulously monitored to ensure that the natural aromas and flavours could be preserved. Each variety was matured separately, before final blending and bottling.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol	Residual sugar
13.5	2.6
pH	**Acidity**
3.55	6.1

AWARDS

DWWA: Silver
Decanter Magazine: 93 pts
Tim Atkin MW: 93 pts

ATTRIBUTES

Origin	Variety	Malolactic Fermentation	Bottle Size	Vegetarian
South Africa	Red Blend	Yes	75cl	Yes

Winemaker	Fining Agent	Closure	Region	Vegan
Louis Strydom	None	Cork	Stellenbosch	Yes