SECKFORD AGENCIES

LADY MAY, GLENELLY

Vintage 2018

GLENELLY



Lady May is Glenelly's flagship estate wine, a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Merlot from their vineyards in Stellenbosch.

TASTING NOTE

Lady May is Glenelly's flagship estate wine. The 2018 Bordeaux blend (85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Cabernet franc, 6% Petit Verdot and 3% Merlot) pays tribute to the pedigree of its legendary owner, May de Lencquesaing. Crafted from the best Bordeaux components of the vintage, it reveals rich dark berry aromas with hints of mocha and cedar on the nose. The palate offers sweet fruit flavours, smooth tannins and a long refined finish.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Winter was late, but cold enough to allow dormancy of our vines. Low rainfall brought low soil moisture levels which led to managing stress in the vines later in the season via drip irrigation. Luckily spring sprung with good, even bud burst. Warm weather for the season with little to no rain. This led to smaller berries appearing and lower bunch mass. Although there were more bunches on the vines to make up the yield. The harvest was earlier than usual and larger than in previous years

VINIFICATION DETAILS

The grapes were hand picked and lightly crushed into stainless steel tanks and fermentation started naturally and extraction carefully managed with 2 pump-overs per day. Post-fermentation skin contact lasted 2 to 3 weeks before gentle pressing and transferring into new French oak barrels where malolactic fermentation took place. Maturation for 12 months as individual components in 30% first fill barrels, then after blending an additional 12 months in 70% first fill new French oak barrels.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol	Residual sugar
14.5	2.2
pH	**Acidity**
3.46	5.9

AWARDS

Tim Atkin MW: 97 pts
IWC: Silver
DWWA: Silver
Platter: 95 pts
Wine Advocate: 95+ pts
Vinous: 92 pts

ATTRIBUTES

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

Winemaker	Fining Agent	Closure	Region	Vegan
Dirk van Zyl	None	Cork	Simonsberg, Stellenbosch	Yes