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AMATRA THE OREADS RED, CATHERINE MARSHALL WINES

Vintage 2020



Optimal vine ripeness and canopy management, in particular, are key to producing a seamless Amatra Merlot that is perfectly suited to the Elgin Valley.

TASTING NOTE

Old single trellised Merlot vines from the Polkadraai area in Stellenbosch exudes bright, fresh black plums. Generous purple fruit flavours are supported by a vibrant thread of lead pencil shavings from the elevated vineyards in Stellenbosch. The wine is harmoniously balanced with opulently textured mid- core palate weight. This vintage 86% Merlot, 14% Cabernet Franc

VINIFICATION DETAILS

Clusters were de-stemmed and partially crushed after stringent sorting to remove unwanted berries and other matter. Spontaneous fermentation occurred in small fermentation vats for fourteen days and once primary fermentation was completed, the mash was pressed in a small basket press. The wine was then decanted to small French oak casks for secondary Malo-lactic fermentation and left to mature for 12 months. The final barrel selection was made and taken through a light filtration prior to bottling.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol	Residual sugar
13.5	3.4
pH	**Acidity**
3.62	5.5

AWARDS

Platter: 4*

ATTRIBUTES

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

Winemaker	Fining Agent	Closure	Region	Vegan
Cathy Marshall	None	Screw top	Stellenbosch	Yes