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KADETTE CAPE BLEND, KANONKOP

Vintage 2023



As with all Kanonkop wines, Kadette Cape Blend is both produced and bottled at Kanonkop.

TASTING NOTE

A blend of 38% Pinotage, 34% Merlot, 24% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot. Bright deep ruby red colour. The nose shows cassis, raspberries, cherries, black, plums, cinnamon, allspice and a hint of chocolate. The palate is lively and fresh, with succulent summer berry flavours. The fruit is supported by a film, yet silky tannin structure. Savoury notes persist on the lengthy finish.
(Magnums available - enquire for vintage)

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

2023 was the latest vintage in the past 25 years, about 2 weeks later than normal. We had a proper cold winter with enough rain, that resulted in budbreak that was 2 weeks late. The earlier part of the season was quite cool, with December showing lower maximum and minimum temperatures. January was more moderate with a couple of hot days. We had slow ripening conditions that resulted in concentrated fruit development and palate weight.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol	Residual sugar
14.0	2.1
pH	**Acidity**
3.66	5.7

VINIFICATION DETAILS

Fermentation took place in open top concrete fermenters at 28oC. The floating skins were punched down mechanically, every 2 hours during fermentation. The juice was drawn off the skins after 3 – 5 days. After malolactic fermentation the wine was matured for 12 months in 2nd and 3rd fill 225L French Nevers oak barrels.

AWARDS

Tim Atkin MW: 90pts

ATTRIBUTES

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

Winemaker	Fining Agent	Closure	Region	Vegan
Abrie Beeslaar	None	Cork	Stellenbosch	Yes