

Cape Blend Reserve 2016

Winemaker's Notes: Classic Cabernet earthy influence noticeable on

Pinotage-dominated blend. Densely packed, concentrated ripe black fruit all held together by impressive structure, bright acidity and masculine

tannins.

Style: Dry Full-bodied Red

Cultivar: 57% Pinotage, 29% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Petit Verdot

6% Merlot

Tons per hectare: 6-7

Age of vine: 14–18 years

Soil: Shale

Trellising: Pinotage: Bush Vine

Cabernet Sauvignon: 5 Wire Hedge

Petit Verdot; 5 Wire Hedge

Merlot: Bush Vine

Irrigation: No irrigation

Degree balling at harvest: Early morning, hand harvested at 25-26°B

Vinification: Fermented in open fermenters

Juice bleeding after crush

Combination of punch downs and pump overs

26°C Fermentation temperature

Barrel maturation: Medium and medium plus toast French oak barrels.

100% New barrels, matured for 18 months

Maturation potential: Optimum 5-10 Years

Food suggestions: Cellar worthy, put this one away for 4-6 years for optimal

enjoyment, or decant and serve with hearty beef stews or

strong, mature cheeses.

Alcohol: 15.0% Residual Sugar: 2.8 Total Acid: 5.7 Region: Coastal

