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BERG-EN-DAL OUPA SE WINGERD

WINE STORY

BERG-EN-DAL IS THE NAME OF THE FARM WHERE THIS OLD GRENACHE NOIR VINEYARD STANDS IN THE PIEKENIERSKLOOF VALLEY. THE GRENACHE WAS PLANTED IN 1973, MAKING 2018 FIS 45TH YEAR GROUNDED IN THESE SOILS WHERE THE EXTREME DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DAY AND NIGHT TEMPERATURES AIDS TO CREATE A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR DRY LAND BUSH VINES. GRENACHE OLD VINES ARE SYNONYMOUS WITH THIS AREA AND SOME OF THE BEST GRENACHES ARE PRODUCED FROM GRAPES GROWN HERE. SOME SAY THE FARMERS HERE DID NOT GET THE MESSAGE TO PLANT FASHIONABLE CABERNET SAUVIGNON IN THE 80IES AND 90IES - AND WE ARE GRATEFUL THAT THEY DIDN'T!

WINEMAKING INFO

Hand picked in the early morning and transported in cold trucks for processing in Paarl. Twenty percentages whole bunches were thrown in the bottom of a foudre – sorted grapes went on top. The wine was fermented with gentle punch downs and pump overs to extract flavour. Then basket pressed into older barrels were it went through malo lactic fermentation. 4 barrels were selected to be bottel as examples of terroir, the variety and old vineyards. The wine was just racked off the lees before bottling.

TASTING:NOTE

LIGHT, BRIGHT RED IN THE GLASS. LAYERS OF FRESH CRANBERRY, CHERRY, FYNBOS AND SPICE ENTICES THE NOSE. ON THE PALATETIGHT TANNINS BRING LINEARITY TO THE RED FRUIT FLAVOURS AND FRESH ACIDITY.

