

# Paserene

Tulbagh • Franschhoek • Elgin

## Marathon

### Vintage:

2016

Challenging conditions in the year 2016 saw yields across the country dwindling by just above 6% compared with the previous year. Water shortages continued to prevail but the abnormal heat intensity witnessed especially between October and January, hampered the figures in terms of total production countrywide. These two factors resulted in lower bunch masses and smaller berries. However, concentration and colour were evident positives and the grapes were healthy in most cases.

### Tasting Notes:

The wine exhibits a deep ruby to purple colour. On the nose it shows an appealing bouquet of dark preserved fruits like black currants and black cherry paste with camphor, cedar and creamy cassis. This transcends into a mineral whiff of crushed rocks, liquorice and espresso roasts. The wine boasts a very unique and authentic aroma profile that is young and exciting. The palate is dense and rich with sweet tannins that are well integrated. A full bodied and complex wine with great purity makes the Marathon 2016 an absolute investment wine and will reward further cellaring.

### The Art of Making:

The Marathon is a blend of 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 42% Petit Verdot and 5% Carménère. The grapes were fermented in small upright French oak barrels and carefully punched-down not to over-extract the wine. The Marathon was matured in 50% new, 5-year air seasoned French oak barrels for 22 months. After clarification, the wine was bottled without filtration to preserve its natural form. The wine spent one year in bottle before release.

Alcohol 14.38%

pH 3.89

Total Acid 5.3 gram/l

### The Art of the Label:

The label was created by a local Cape Town based artist, Lorraine Loots and designer, Lauren Ann McCarthy. The swallow on the front label represents the winemaker's relentless pursuit of acquiring knowledge in South Africa and California to produce his style of wines. It further relates to the warm, agile personality of the wine. All labels were hand pressed using an old Heidelberg press.

### Us:

Paserene is a small family operated winery owned by Martin Smith and Ndabe Mareda with the sole purpose of producing highest-end luxury wines. Great care was given to ensure that the wines produced, and artwork on the labels, are truly authentic to ensure its "sense of place and people" and a lasting legacy for many years to come.

The name Paserene comes from the Latin word Passeriformes, the order of "traveling and free" birds containing swifts and swallows.

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