

# DELAIRE GRAFF SHIRAZ 2018

### VINTAGE CHARACTERISTICS

Faced with severe drought, the challenging conditions of the 2018 harvest resulted in one of the smallest yields in years. Yet despite the significant difficulties, the cooler ripening period and smaller crops produced berries with concentrated flavour and intense colour providing wines of notable quality.

## VINEYARDS & HARVEST

The Shiraz grapes were handpicked in the fresh hours of the early morning from a selection of cool vineyard sites in the Stellenbosch region.

#### GRAPE VARIETALS

100% Shiraz

## VINIFICATION

The wine was matured for twelve months in old French oak barrels to maintain the freshness of this varietal. Fermentation took place at cooler temperatures to ensure gentle extraction of fruit flavours.

## TASTING NOTES

This juicy, ripe and approachable Shiraz with its ruby colour and purple tints has a spicy white pepper undertone as well as lavender and dark red fruit aromas of mulberries. It is characterised by versatility, demonstrating a smooth soft palate with a savoury finish.

## WINE OF ORIGIN

Stellenbosch, South Africa

WINE ANALYSIS Residual Sugar: 2.2 g/1 pH: 3.47

Total Acidity: 6.0 g/1 Alcohol: 14 %

