

Paserene

Tulbagh • Franschhoek • Elgin

Marathon

Vintage:

2018

Lovely warm conditions throughout flowering and berry set up to harvest with necessary cooler temperatures. However, concentration and colour were evident positives and the grapes were healthy in most cases. The yields were lower than that of 2017 due to the drought that is present in the region.

Tasting Notes:

Deep black to purple colour, with a youthful vibrant purple rim. This vintage the wine leads with black fruit as the primary component. Black berries and black currants in almost equal amounts, some cassis to creme de cassis and dried black cherry jam with figs and fruitcake. Warm aromas with inviting secondary flavours of crushed rocks, graphite and slate. Beautiful oak integration - notes of charred toast lifts the aroma of the wine. The 100% new oak is in perfect balance and gives great roundness to the wine. On the palate the sheer size of the wine is evident. The tannin, fruit and alcohol is in perfect harmony. Put this wine in your cellar for at least 5 years before opening. It will last for the next 50 years if cellared correctly.

The Art of Making:

The Marathon 2018 is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. 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 14.03%

pH 3.76

Total Acid 5.4 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 Marede 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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