

THE WINES OF KEVIN GRANT



Serenity 2020

Alcohol = 13.78 vol % **Res Sugar** = 2.7 g/l **Total Acidity** = 5.6 g/l **pH** = 3.49

Barrel Ageing = 11 months in 225L French oak barrels **Wood Age** = 20% New; 80% 2nd Fill

Cases produced: 2244 x 12 **Bottled:** 20th January 2021 **Release Date:** TBC

Winemaker's Notes

Great season! Remarkable wines! Vintage 2020 will be remembered for its harmony and consistency. Smaller in size than the five-year average and two weeks earlier than usual, it produced fruit with small berries and unusually concentrated flavours. A moderate summer allowed each grapes variety to fully complete its individual ripening journey. The wines produced have an engaging freshness, substantial depth, and enviable refinement.

Fruit was sourced from carefully selected vineyard sites with one goal in mind – to create a style of wine that charms and seduces. Serenity is a seamless blend of three varieties, Pinot noir, Cinsault and Pinotage (a family tree of the two parent varieties and progeny) – an interpretation of something authentically South African. As always, the emphasis of this blend remains entirely on *style* rather than cultivar make-up. Cultivars are merely vehicles to express terroir and not the expression of a wine itself.

All cultivars were handpicked, sorted, and crushed into open fermenters. Here they each underwent cold maceration on their skins for seven to ten days before fermentation commenced. At completion of their ferment, each batch was pressed off separately to barrels where malolactic fermentation took place. Careful maturation in tight-grain French oak barriques, 20% of which were new, for a period of 11 months followed before the wine was blended and bottled in January 2021.

Wine Style

This wine has the confidence to “whisper” style rather than “shout” brashness through the winemaking excesses of fruit ripeness, extraction in the cellar or an overtly strident use of new oak barrels. It celebrates the virtues of restraint, poise, and tension, promising to be immensely companionable, warmly entertaining, and always charming.