

Keermont

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THE KEERMONT SINGLE VINEYARD SERIES

The Keermont Single Vineyard Series was created to highlight the superb quality and individual character of the wines produced from certain vineyard parcels on the farm. These parcels have been registered as Single Vineyards with the South African Wine Industry Information & Systems NPC (SAWIS) and wines labelled as such may not contain wine made from any other vineyard. The production of each wine is therefore very limited. We do not bottle these wines every year.

Keermont Topside Syrah 2015

The Topside Syrah vineyard is situated high up on the West facing mid-slopes of the Stellenbosch Mountain range (Elevation 350m). It was planted in 2006 on rocky soils consisting of sandstone and granite, weathered from the peaks above. Vines are trellised and run with the contour in a North South direction. The elevation, soil and aspect all contribute to spicy character and fine tannin structure of this wine. The views from the top of this vineyard west to Table Mountain are simply breath taking.

All grapes used in producing our wines are grown on Keermont Vineyards. Small parcels of grapes are specifically selected according to ripeness, harvested by hand and vinified separately. This process is carried out gently and naturally in open top fermenters using traditional methods only. This wine spent 20 months maturing in seasoned 500 litre French oak barrels before being bottled by hand without filtration. Only 2541 bottles were produced.

Tasting note: Dark plummy red in colour, this wine has a beautiful bouquet of black fruit with hints of violets, stems and white pepper. The palate is clean and elegant with a tight acidity and spicy fruit flavours with floral notes. The tight chalky tannin structure gives the wine a succulent dry finish with lingering flavours of red fruit, anise, fennel and a mineral saltiness. Drink 2018-2030.

Previous Releases:

Topside Syrah 2014: 93 pts NEAL MARTIN (Wine Advocate)
95 pts TIM ATKIN (MW)
5 stars PLATTER GUIDE 2017

Topside Syrah 2012: 95 pts TIM ATKIN (MW)
94 pts NEAL MARTIN (Wine Advocate)
4½ stars PLATTER GUIDE

Vintage Report 2015:

A cold wet winter (as experienced in this vintage) is a good thing for the vine. It goes into full dormancy and wakes up well rested and ready for the season ahead. This was apparent with very even budding and strong early growth during spring. From that point onwards, we experienced a very dry season. Growing conditions, however, were ideal with warm days and cool nights. This variation in temperature leads to good flavour and colour development in the berries and as a result we had a small crop with great quality. We had our earliest harvest yet starting on 23 January and finishing on 3 March and took 70 tons of grapes into the winery.

Analysis:

WINE	Alc %	pH	TA g/L	RS g/L	TSO ₂ mg/L	VA g/L
Topside Syrah 2015	13.5	3.41	5.6	2.5	53	0.62

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