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GHOST CORNER

ELIM SOUTH AFRICA

PINOT NOIR 2019

The Ghost Corner range is inspired by the extreme coastal area around Cape Agulhas near Elim, known as 'Spookdraai' where many ships have been wrecked. These wines are as intriguing and extreme as the story of their origin at the southernmost tip of the Cape winelands.

VINEYARDS

Facing:	South
Soil types:	Bokkeveld Slate, Koffieklip and Gravel
Age:	1.25 ha = 17 years and 3 ha = 3 years
Planted:	4.25 ha
Yield per hectare:	7 t/ha
Trellised:	Extended 6 wire Perold
Irrigation:	Supplementary
Clone:	PN9D, PN459 & PN115
Harvest date:	11 - 13 February 2019

WINEMAKING

Grapes are hand harvested between 22.8 – 23.8 balling. 10% whole cluster added to some of the tanks with a natural fermentation to take place and other tanks have been inoculated for fermentation. During fermentation gentle extraction takes place with one pump-over a day and two manual punch downs of the grape cap. A maximum temperature of 27°C is reached. On completion of fermentation grapes are pressed and barrelled in 228l French oak. Malolactic fermentation is completed in barrel and maturation is over 10 months.
20% 1st fill, 20% 2nd fill, 20% 3rd fill, 20% 4th fill and 20% 5th fill barrels, tight grain with medium toast.

ANALYSIS

Alc 13.5% vol	TA 5.6 g/l	RS 3.1 g/l	pH 3.52

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

A well-crafted Pinot noir expressing wild berries and red cherries with a hint of savouriness. A creamy sensation on palate with structured tannins that ends off with a subtle earthiness.

Optimum Drinking Time: 3- 6 years

FOOD PAIRING

When you have access to wild mushrooms – this is your wine – especially wild mushroom soup. Crispy duck and barbeque chicken are two dishes made for this wine. A touch of cinnamon and cumin will enhance the flavours. Also try steak tartare. South African Biltong will possibly work well!

Cheese: Deep fried camembert and berries

ACCOLADES

John Platter Guide'20: 4.5* – 2018 vintage
IWC Tranche'20: Silver – 2018 vintage
IWSC'20: Bronze – 2018 vintage
Michelangelo awards'20: Gold – 2018 vintage
John Platter Guide/21: 4,5* – 2018 vintage
SAWi Awards '18 - Grand Gold: 93.1 – 2017 vintage
Sommelier Wine Awards '20: Commended – 2017 vintage
Old Mutual Wine Trophy '19: Silver – 2017 vintage
Platter's Wine Guide '19: 4.5 stars – 2017 vintage
Tim Atkin '17: 89 points – 2016 vintage