

TERRA DEL CAPO

TERRA DEL CAPO PINOT GRIGIO

VINTAGE: 2021

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE: 17.3°C

RAINFALL: 816.4mm

HARVESTING BEGAN: 28/01/2021

HARVESTING ENDED: 09/03/2021

ORIGIN OF FRUIT: Western Cape

SOIL TYPE: Decomposed granite and shale

YIELD: 13.8ton/ha

CULTIVAR: Pinot Gris / Pinot Grigio

IN THE VINEYARD: Pinot Grigio was first brought to South Africa by the late Anthonij Rupert, and it is now cultivated in several wine regions. The Terra del Capo Pinot Grigio is a blend of grapes from four different wards in the Western Cape, namely Franschhoek, Groenekloof, Elgin and Elandskloof - each contributing its own individual character ranging from fresh citrus and apple to riper stone fruit flavours.

VINTAGE NOTES: "Late, slow and steady" would be the best way to describe the 2021 vintage. The preceding winter was cold and wet, resulting in good dormancy and healthy dam levels prior to the growing season. The cool weather continued into spring which in turn resulted in delayed but relatively even bud break, flowering and fruit set. The moderate summer temperatures slowed the ripening period and resulted in harvest starting about two weeks later than usual. The typically hot month of February was uncharacteristically cool, allowing for the gradual ripening of fruit with good flavour intensity and acidity. An exceptional vintage, which promises to deliver outstanding wines.

WINEMAKING NOTES: Grapes were handpicked and transported to the cellar where they were whole-bunch pressed immediately to minimise colour extraction from this blue/grey grape. Following overnight settling, the juice was racked and cold-fermented using selected yeast cultures. The wine was kept on the fine lees in stainless steel tanks before a selection of the best free-run parcels were blended and bottled.

TASTING NOTE: Appealing playful lightness of pear and nectarine on the nose. Tangy, light and zesty, the mouthful is fresh and succulent. Intense lemon zip accompanies pear drop and stone fruit vibrance. Lively, clean and crisp with a gentle lees suggestion. Lightweight and easy to enjoy. Pleasantly dry to the end.

Alc: 12.5% | TA: 6.4g/l | RS: 3.6g/l | PH: 3.18



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