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VINTAGE CHARACTERISTICS

Severe weather fluctuations during bud break and flowering, followed by cool, windy conditions, contributed to fewer uneven bunches and smaller, more concentrated berries. The previous year's post-harvest period was characterised by exceptionally hot and dry conditions, which led to early leaf fall, especially in early ripening cultivars.

The Banghoek Valley is home to Delaire Graff Estate. Derived from 'De Bange Hoek' meaning 'Scary Corner', its moniker pays tribute to the spirit of those who braved the heights of the mountainous pass to face what lay beyond: a Valley inhabited by resident elephants, buffalo, lions and leopards. The audacious spirit of these early pioneers gave heed to a region rich in viniculture.

VINEYARDS & HARVEST

Grapes were hand-picked in the cool early hours of the South African morning from the Estate's high-altitude vineyards renowned for their excellent soils and cooling sea breezes.

GRAPE VARIETALS

64% Cabernet Franc, 31% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petit Verdot



WINE OF ORIGIN

Banghoek, South Africa

VINIFICATION

Produced with meticulous care and attention, whole berry fermentation and basket pressing ensured gentle extraction of fruit. The wine was matured in 60% new French oak barrels for 16 months.

TASTING NOTES

The nose is characterised by subtle spicy oak, traces of cedar wood and delicate aromas of rich violets, while red fruit flavours on the palate make for a firm, savoury finish. This is a wine with fine, integrated tannins and persistent length.

AGEING POTENTIAL

The Delaire Graff Estate The Banghoek 2022 has a recommended ageing potential of between 10 and 15 years. Over time, the wine develops in character, with beautiful tannins and rich aromas of autumn leaves and cedarwood.

WINE ANALYSIS

Residual Sugar: 2.3 g/l | Total Acidity: 6.0 g/l | pH: 3.40 | Alcohol: 14.96%