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TERRACED BLOCK RESERVE 2023

VINTAGE CHARACTERISTICS

The 2023 growing season presented near-perfect conditions, resulting in exceptional grape quality. Rainfall shortly before veraison allowed grapes to ripen at a slower rate. Our harvest was completed ahead of time, due to a long, dry summer followed by heavy and frequent rainfall throughout December.

VINEYARDS & HARVEST

The single vineyard is situated in a terraced amphitheater shape against the Botmaskop, with vines facing north and south. The vineyard yielded only 5 tons per hectare, with berries picked at optimal ripeness. The root system of the terraced block vines is planted in close proximity to the soil on the ledge of the terraced step allowing warmth from the sun to not only the vine but also the root system.

GRAPE VARIETALS

100% Chardonnay

VINIFICATION

Extensive bunch sorting was integral to the quality management process. The grapes were whole bunch pressed and then barrel fermented for 14 days. Maturation occurred in 225 litre 40% new French barrels for 10 months, with no batonage or malolactic fermentation to retain freshness.

TASTING NOTES

An expressive bouquet of smoky floral and citrus notes on the nose. On the palate, almonds, pears and passion fruit flavours are supported by a crisp acidity and fine spicy minerals.

WINE OF ORIGIN

Banghoek, South Africa

WINE ANALYSIS

Residual Sugar: 2.1 g/l
pH: 3.38

Total Acidity: 7.0 g/l
Alcohol: 13.59%

