

# THE GYPSY 2018

# TASTING NOTES

A very concentrated, focussed blend with layers of deep fruit.

The character is expectedly somewhat "wild" a little brambly with hints of nutmeg, cinnamon, dark spices, with vanilla scents and a distinct, concentrated red-fruit focus. Great for laying down and keeping for at least ten years but already rewarding if allowed to breathe in a decanter.

# ACCOLADES:

The Gypsy 2017 Platter's 2022 – 4½ stars (94 points)

The Gypsy 2016 Tim Atkin – 91 points Platter's 2021 – 4½ stars (93 points) National Wine Challenge 2022 – Double Gold

The Gypsy 2015 Tim Atkin – 91 points Platter's 2021 – 4½ stars (93 points) National Wine Challenge 2020 – Double Platinum Top 100 SA Wines – Winner

The Gypsy 2014 Tim Atkin MW – 91 points Platter's 2019 – 4½ stars SA Wine Index – Grand Gold, 93+ points National Wine Challenge 2019 – Double Platinum

## **GRAPE VARIETIES**

65% Syrah, 35% Grenache

#### VINEYARD

Region: Western Cape

**Soil:** Grenache from decomposed granite at 450m. Shiraz from ancient gravels onto clay.

## HARVEST

A hand-picked selection of the first ripest fruit.

**Yield:** 2-3 tons/ha Grenache – planted 1959, 6 tons/ha from Syrah – planted 1999

## IN THE CELLAR

Taken to the cellar and cool soaked prior to fermentation, then taken to old French oak barrels for 12 months. At this point a further selection takes place before blending and the final blend goes back to old barrels to marry and harmonise over the following 12 months. After almost 2 years languishing in a cool cellar the Gypsy is stable with the oak and intense fruit totally harmonised.

### ANALYSIS

Alc 14.2 TA 6.1

RS 2.6 pH 3.45

# FOOD SUGGESTIONS

Deliciously matched with risotto, sensuously truffled pasta. Ideal for flavoursome grills, lamb and beef.

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