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VINEYARDS & WINES

ESTATE LADY M 2016



Estate: Aaldering Vineyards & Wines
Origin: South Africa
Region: Devon Valley, Stellenbosch
Variety: Lady M
Unwooded Pinotage (100%)
Vintage: 2016
Website: www.aaldering.co.za

Tasting Notes

Pure freshness defined by aromas of cassis, blueberry, dark cherry, plum and liquorice. This is Pinotage *au naturel*. The expression of fruit and the authenticity thereof offers a captivating experience.

Vineyard Notes

Clone: PI48A
Rootstock: Richter 99
Altitude: 110-160m above sea level
Hectare: 4,37 ha.
Soil: Decomposed Granite (Hutton, Clovelly Soils)
Orientation: South East Facing
Planted: 1998

Winemaking Report

2016 Harvest was the driest in over a century. Extremely challenging, especially for white varieties. With very little rain throughout the season irrigation management was of utmost importance.

The Lady M 2016 was selected from a very specific part of the Pinotage vineyard. All grapes were hand harvested at 24,7 Balling and destemmed but not crushed. The juice was cooled down to 14 degrees and cold soaking took place for 3 days. When wild fermentation started the grapes were inoculated with a selected yeast. Between one and two pump overs a day was done and the grapes were pressed at 5 Balling to reduce extraction of tannins and bitterness and resulted in a wine with intense fruit characteristics and an elegant structure.

Aging Potential

This wine will age well between 3-5 years from vintage and was bottled with natural cork to allow the wine to breath and develop over the next few years.

Food Matches

Pintxos, chorizo, red meat, spicy curries, Indian and Oriental herbs.

Technical Analysis

ALC: 14,50 % RS: 2.5 g/l TA: 5.0 g/l pH: 3.52