



MULDERBOSCH FAITHFUL HOUND



VINTAGE	2020
REGION	Stellenbosch (Polkadraai, Stellenbosch Mountain Foothills & Helderberg), South Africa
VARIETIES	29% Merlot, 28% Cabernet Franc, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Petit Verdot and 9% Malbec.
BARREL AGEING	16 months in French oak barriques, 30% in new and the remainder in 2nd and 3rd fill French oak barriques.
WINEMAKER	Henry Kotzé
IMPORTER	Third Leaf Wines
CASE QUANTITY	9000
UPC	6009803564119
ANALYSIS	Residual Sugar: 2.0 g/l Total Acid: 5.6 g/l pH: 3.65 Free SO ₂ : 18 mg/l Alcohol: 13.5% Total SO ₂ : 75 mg/l Grape Brix: 23.5°

VINEYARD INFORMATION

2020 was in all aspects a very cool vintage, with slightly smaller crops. The growing season was quite windy, leading to smaller bunches and less dense canopies. Harvest itself was altogether early and can be characterized by 2 distinct periods – before the rain and after the rain! There was quite a heavy downpour in late February, early March which made deciding to pick quite difficult. You would have been lucky to have all your berries in before the deluge, as after it took a bit for the vines to achieve the same concentration in ripening.

TASTING NOTES

Appearance: Dark core with brick red edge, clear and ruby red glistening rim makes for a very alluring appearance.

Nose: Aromas of succulent sweet berries, brambles, cassis and perfume intertwined with autumn herbs and spices. Classic pencil shavings, graphite and toffee butterscotch.

Palate: With an abundance of black fruit and sweeter spice like vanilla, cinnamon, liquorice and anise, this surely is a very opulent flavoursome experience. Again, leading with Cabs (both franc and Sauvignon) there is no shortage of power and sustain, but there is also a sense of meekness to the wine. There is an elegance that's never overbearing and very seductive.

This is a wine that will entice for years to come, or indulge in it right now.