



# MULDERBOSCH FAITHFUL HOUND



<b>VINTAGE</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>REGION</b>	Stellenbosch (Polkadraai, Stellenbosch Mountain Foothills & Helderberg), South Africa
<b>VARIETIES</b>	30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17.5% Petit Verdot, 17.5% Cabernet Franc, 17.5% Merlot and 17.5% Malbec.
<b>BARREL AGEING</b>	18 months in French oak barriques, 6% in new, 52% in 2nd and 42% in older.
<b>WINEMAKER</b>	Henry Kotzé
<b>IMPORTER</b>	Third Leaf Wines
<b>CASE QUANTITY</b>	9000
<b>UPC</b>	6009803564119
<b>ANALYSIS</b>	Residual Sugar: 1.4 g/l      Total Acid: 5.8 g/l pH: 3.55                      Free SO <sub>2</sub> : 6 mg/l Alcohol: 14%                Total SO <sub>2</sub> : 64 mg/l Grape Brix: 23.5°

**VINEYARD INFORMATION** While the rains in the winter of 2020 were good, they were prolonged and only filled groundwater levels much later in the year. This resulted in lower soil temperatures and delayed budburst in September 2020.

With a few less growing/ripening days under the belt, the Faithful Hound's five Bordeaux varietals came in perfectly ripe, together with a fantastic natural acidity!

## TASTING NOTES

**Appearance:** Deep red and purple. Full and intense to the core.

**Nose:** At first, the wine shows an abundance of red and black berry fruit – lush and sweet. With later investigation, the wine shows its deeper dimensions, giving you some alluring notes of bramble berry, cinnamon, and vanilla. Later in the glass, the wine also shows some pleasing earthiness and slight herbaceous notes that strike a chord with its origins, given that it is a Cab heavy red blend.

**Palate:** Being a wine we want to showcase the youthful exuberance that our fruit can produce, it is apt that this is the first thing that you notice with your first sip. It is at the same time very flavoursome, but also very opulent. There is an elegance that's never overbearing and very striking.

This is a wine that will mature gracefully for years to come, or you could choose to indulge in it right now.