

Waterford Estate

Grenache Noir Single Vineyard

2018



Cultivars: 100% Grenache Noir
Region: Stellenbosch
Quantity: 900 cases
Wine Analysis: Alc 14.05%
RS 1.6 g/L
TA 3.92 g/L
pH 3.65

TASTING NOTE

Pristine red cherry and exotic fruits with touches of earthy clove spice. The palate has earthy, savoury flavours along with delicate dry tannins and a soft freshness to carry the fruit.

VINEYARD

Planted on the rockiest sandstone slopes of Waterford Estate in 2005.

VINTAGE REVIEW 2018

Another year of severe drought conditions. Low winter rainfall and odd warm days during winter. Once the season got going, moderate to cool and windless conditions were experienced, perfect for flowering and fruit set leading to high crop potentials. From November onwards, warm burg wind conditions were experienced throughout creating stressful ripening conditions. Positive results with early picking dates are lowers alcohol wines with ironically good freshness.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS

Pairs well with lean red meats such as venison as well as a variety of earthy components.

WINE FACTS

For the first 10 years the grapes from this vineyard were solely used to produce the Blanc de Noir. The patience was required to allow time for the vineyard to mature and produce fruit of premium quality for red wine. The wine is aged in roughly 30% Percaline jars, as well as large 500l old French oak barrels for a period of 14 months.

