

# Waterford Estate

## Grenache Noir Single Vineyard

### 2020



**Cultivars:** 100% Grenache Noir  
**Region:** Stellenbosch  
**Quantity:** 900 cases  
**Ageing:** 30% aged in Porcelain jars and 500L French oak barrels  
**Wine Analysis:** **Alc** 13.5%  
**RS** 1.1 g/L  
**TA** 4.0 g/L  
**pH** 3.53

#### TASTING NOTE

The wine shows inviting aromatics of orange rind, earthy red cherry and exotic fruits, with hints of clove spice. The palate is layered with red cherries, tomato reduction, earthy notes and savoury flavours along with velvety dry tannins and a lovely freshness to carry the fruit.

#### VINEYARD

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

#### WINEMAKING

The wine is aged in roughly 30% Porcelain jars, as well as large 500l old French oak barrels for a period of 14 months.

#### VINTAGE REVIEW 2020

Good winter rains but still below the long term average. We experienced a few odd warm days during winter as well as snowfall during late winter/early spring. The rain helped with the increase of dam levels. These conditions also prepped for good, even budding to start the growing season. During ripening, an odd heat wave was experienced. Overall lovely warm days and cooler nights allowed for perfect ripening and earlier picking dates. This resulting in lovely fresh flavoured and rich wines with relatively low alcohol levels.

#### 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. 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% Porcelain jars, as well as large 500l old French oak barrels for a period of 14 months.

