

## 2016 Waterford Estate Grenache Noir

Cultivars: 100% Grenache Noir

Region: Stellenbosch

Quantity: 650 cases

Aging: 30% aged in porcelain jars, rest in old 500L French oak barrels

Analysis: Alc 13.8% RS 1.9 g/L

TA 4.3 g/L pH 3.64

Plush red cherry and exotic fruits, with touches of earthy clove spice. The palate has earthy, savory flavours along with delicate dry tannins and a soft freshness to carry the fruit. Pairs very well with local venison complimented with elements of bacon, cloves and a stewed fruit chutney.

## Vintage review 2016

A vintage which will be remembered for drought and heat. Luckily for Waterford's location on the Helderberg mountain and the near proximity to the ocean, the vineyards could cool down over night. The lack of water resulted in light bunches with tiny berries, great for red wine colour and flavor. The heat also resulted in wines having acidity and excellent mouthfeel.