

The Mentors Perold Tributum 2017

This elegant Cape Blend overflows with the aromatic fruit sweetness of plums, sour cherries and black pepper. The structure palate and juicy tannins can be attributed to great balance between fruit concentration and oak integration. The finish is focused, yet lingers in a velvet mouthfeel.

This wine can be savoured on its own or paired with hearty winter dishes such as oxtail and lamb shank.

variety : Pinotage | 38% Pinotage, 28% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Shiraz, 8% Malbec, 2% Petite Sirah

winery : The Mentors

winemaker : The Winemaking Team

wine of origin : Coastal Region

analysis : alc : 14.69 % vol rs : 2.52 g/l pH : 3.45 ta : 5.95 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fruity **wooded**

pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

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ageing : Enjoy now or cellar for 8 to 10 years from vintage.

Winter 2016 provided sufficient cold and higher rainfall for a great start to this vintage. Regular, small rains in spring and cool to moderate temperatures provided conditions for good, early-season can and canopy development. Bud break was even as was spring growth, but flowering was not-usually due to weather. Early leaf breaks directly after flowering allowed sunlight to even out the vintage, as did early green harvesting of retarded bunches.

Growth and development sped up in moderate conditions that ensured outstanding vine health. Warmth from late December to January, drought and lighter yields, meant another record early start to harvest that ran until early March. Despite shifts in variety harvest order, wine quality looks fabulous.

in the vineyard : Vineyards: 38% Swartland, 30% Stellenbosch, 19% Wellington, 11% Darling, 2% Banghoek

about the harvest: Bunches were hand-picked and sorted to ensure only the of each variety went into the blend.

in the cellar :

After fermentation, the most promising wines of each cultivar were chosen to mature further in barrel. After 12 months, the best wines were singled out again and aged another six. This wine is truly about selecting the best-of-the-best.

Maturation: The wine was matured for 18 months in first-fill French oak barrels.

