

Org de Rac Le Piquet Cabernet Sauvignon / Merlot 2017

An appealing blend made for everyday drinking with ample inherent qualities. Generously weighted on the palate with well integrated oak and soft tannins supporting the delicate fruit flavor.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 59% Cabernet Sauvignon, 41% Merlot

winery : Org de Rac Domain

winemaker : Frank Meaker / Jurgen Siebritz

wine of origin : Swartland

analysis : alc : 13.90 % vol rs : 2.6 g/l pH : 3.50 so2 : 82 mg/l fso2 : 20 mg/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **organic**

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

in the vineyard :

All wine grapes produced on the estate are organically farmed and the final bottled product is certified by Control Union, and international organic certification body. During the past three years we have refurbished the vines with an organic fertilizer programme, improving each vine's immunity and building reserves, thereby achieving better canopy growth, longer shoots and better active foliage and leaves that can ripen a larger crop.

We have successfully grown our production by 40% over the last few years without compromising wine quality. We aim for the complex, fruit-driven organic wines that reflect the unique terroir. The unique group of elements in the soil is sustainably managed with different cover crops, vetches and organic mulching to stimulate healthy soil microbial activity. Irrigation is monitored with probe management and our weather station to curb water wastage. The south-facing vineyards are planted in east to west vine row directions and the prevailing cool westerly breezes off the Atlantic Ocean clear the vines of any potential diseases and have an amazing cooling effect. This creates a day/night temperature differential which stimulates better colour and in general creates optimal plant conditioning and slower ripening, resulting in better fruit retention and more complex, fruit driven wines.

in the cellar :

During alcoholic fermentation frequent pump-overs were done on the must. This was done to ensure good colour and tannin extraction to enhance the length and mouth feel of the wine.

The Le Piquet components were selected from different Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot vineyards. The wines were made and aged separately and selected batches were used for the blend. The Cabernet Sauvignon forms the backbone with the Merlot adding elegant fruitiness and flair.

Wood maturation: Aged in 2nd and 3rd fill barrels for 12 months.

