

Stellenbosch Reserve Stadsaal Cinsault 2022

Stellenbosch Reserve Stadsaal Cinsault 2022 has a vibrant colour with expressive aromas of raspberry cordial, cranberry and floral notes of lavender. The juicy red fruit follows through on the palate accompanied by savoury notes of liquorice and bacon. Spicy tannins provide some grip on the palate, accompanied by zesty acidity, culminating in a sour cherry finish.

variety : Cinsaut | 100%

winery : Stellenbosch Reserve

winemaker : Ignus Ferreira

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 13.9 % vol rs : 1.0 g/l pH : 3.41 ta : 5.7 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **wooded**

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

The Stellenbosch Town Hall was built in 1939, designed by renowned architects Elsworth and Walgate. It is a stately example of modern Cape Dutch and dignified Classical Revival architecture, the ceilings of which are beautifully preserved yellowwood. Our Cinsault is named after the town hall, as the grapes come from old vines, which in their own way offer a taste of Stellenbosch heritage.

about the harvest: Ideal winter conditions provided substantial rainfall to supplement water reserves, with good cold units throughout the winter months of 2021. Buddbreak was slightly later than usual due to the cold winter. Rainfall in the spring was also good for our vineyards during the critical times of flowering and crop set. A warm January in 2022 with a few heat waves was good for ripening, especially the red varieties. Relatively dry summer months allowed for grapes to reach full phenolic ripeness, with a long hang time for flavour development.

in the cellar : Cinsault grapes were fermented in open top fermenters with 25% of the grapes left as whole bunches, and 75% destemmed and left as whole berry. The grapes were not crushed in order to capture fruit purity and varietal definition. Fermentation and maceration took place over a period of 7 days before pressing. Maturation took place in seasoned 500L French oak barrels for 12 months.



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