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Circumstance Mourvedre, 2019

Stellenbosch, Coastal Region, Western Cape, Western Cape

COLOUR	GRAPES	ALCOHOL	VINTAGE · VOLUME
Red	Mourvedre/Monastrell	13.5%	2019 · 750 ml

STILL



Tasting notes

Features raspberry, dark fruit and herbal notes whilst an almost meaty aroma can also be detected on the nose. It can be paired with a variety of dishes but should show well with wild boar or lamb on the grill. An elegant rendition of this normally unruly varietal. Features raspberry, dark fruit and herbal notes whilst an almost meaty, wild aroma can be detected on the nose. Typical vigour expected from this varietal, with a high concentration of fine tannin and a surprising lightness of touch helped by the lower alcohol.

About the wine

Grapes are picked early in the mornings, when they are still cool, which helps to preserve the flavours. The red varietals are sorted and placed into wooden fermenters by the use of a gravity-flow system. Natural whole-bunch fermentation for all the Rhône varietals takes place and they believe that tannins should be extracted slowly and gently during the fermentation process. In order to achieve this, they stomp the grapes twice a day with their feet instead of using a machine or doing pump-overs. The wine then spends roughly one month on the skins, after which it is run down via gravity and the skins are pressed in a basket press. Malolactic fermentation also takes place naturally in barrel, without the addition of bacteria. The Mourvèdre was aged in older 600L French barrels for about 16 months. In keeping with their philosophy of minimum intervention, this wine only underwent a basic filtration prior to bottling, to ensure that the wine is enjoyed in its purest form.

Awards

Winemag.co.za (Christian Eedes) 2025 — 93 points (2023);
JancisRobinson.com (Tamlyn Currin) 2026 — 17.5/20 (2023)

Winemaking

MATURATION 16 months in French oak barrels.

Cellar and service

SERVE AT 16–18 °C

FOOD PAIRING Perfect for a lazy afternoon or with tapas!
Also good with meat dishes.