



Boschkloof

2018

SYRAH

Stellenbosch - South Africa



NATURAL



ORGANIC



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 100% Syrah

Vineyard: Boschkloof Estate

Vine Age: 25-years-old

Soil Type: Decomposed granite over ironstone

Viticulture: Practicing Organic

Fermentation: Native – stainless-steel tanks (30% whole-cluster)

Skin Contact: 11 days

Aging: 14 months in 225L French barrique (10% new)

Alcohol: 14.3%

pH: 3.63

Total Acidity: 5.2 g/L

Total SO2: 80 ppm

Total Production: 1,300 cases

UPC: 6008409000168

Reviews

Platter's Guide | 90 points

Tim Atkin, MW | 95 points

Vinous | 93 points

About

Cabernet Sauvignon is the most planted red variety in Stellenbosch, but it might be Syrah that can achieve the highest, highs...albeit in certain pockets. Polkadraai is the sub-region of Stellenbosch where so many exciting things are happening (like the new chapter at Boschkloof) and Syrah is at the front of this excitement. Boschkloof, unlike most Stellenbosch producers, is renowned for Syrah. The perfect marriage of peppery/savoriness with rich fruit is what truly puts the grape on a pedestal here. In 2019, Tim Atkin, MW, named his red wine of the year a Boschkloof Syrah from the 2017 vintage, though it was the big brother to this insane value, Epilogue.

Clones SH21 & SH99 were handpicked and fermented with ambient yeast, roughly 30% whole-bunch. The wine sat on the skins for 11 days prior to being gently pressed to 225L French barriques (10% new and the rest 2nd and 3rd passage), where it aged for 14 months. Malolactic fermentation occurred naturally in barrel and a small dose of sulfur dioxide was added post-ML. The wine was bottled without fining, a light filtration at bottling and a small dose of SO2.

Tasting Note

It has a clean, pure bouquet of blackberry, cracked black pepper and pressed iris. The palate is medium-bodied, with supple, ripe tannin, a smooth texture and a tender but quite intense white-pepper-infused finish. This is a classically-styled Syrah that should drink well for several years.